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1                   [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,  
2                   TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 203.]

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4       There was no reportable action as a result of today's closed  
5       session.

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9       **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY DR. CHARLES  
10       ARA, RETIRED CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM CERRITOS FROM THE FOURTH  
11       DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY JERRY KING,  
12       SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, FRIENDSHIP POST NUMBER 617, JEWISH WAR  
13       VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MAY I ASK THE PEOPLE  
14       WHO ARE IN THE REAR TO GET BY THEIR SEATS AS WE HEAR THE  
15       INVOCATION. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND FOR THE INVOCATION?

16

17       **DR. CHARLES ARA:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IT IS MY PLEASURE TO  
18       GIVE THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING, FORTY YEARS AGO I STOOD AT  
19       THE SAME PODIUM TO LEAD THE INVOCATION, SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
20       BE HERE AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL OF SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR INVITING  
21       ME. SO LET US ALL BOW OUR HEADS AND PRAY FOR PEACE. WE PRAY  
22       THAT ALL CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES  
23       COUNTY MAY LIVE IN PEACE. THAT IS THIS HALL IS FILLED WITH  
24       LOVE AND FREE FROM BRUTALITY AND ABUSE. WE PRAY THAT OUR  
25       STUDENTS OF WHATEVER AGE MAY GO TO SCHOOL IN PEACE; THAT IS,





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1 FREE FROM VIOLENCE AND FEAR. WE PRAY THAT COUPLES MAY LOVE AND  
2 LIVE IN PEACE; THAT IS, IN MARRIAGES AND IN RELATIONSHIPS THAT  
3 ARE FREE FROM CRUELTY AND ANY FORM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE  
4 PRAY THAT MEN AND WOMEN MAY GO TO WORK IN PEACE; THAT IS, WITH  
5 NO FEARS OF TERROR OR BLOODSHED. WE PRAY THAT WE MAY TRAVEL IN  
6 PEACE; THAT IS, BE SAFE IN THE AIR, ON THE SEAS, AND ALONG  
7 WHATEVER ROAD WE TAKE. NOW WE PRAY THAT NATIONS MAY DWELL  
8 TOGETHER IN PEACE, JUSTICE, AND HARMONY; THAT IS, WITHOUT THE  
9 THREAT OF WAR HOVERING OVER THEM. AND WE KNOW, O GOD, THAT WAR  
10 IS THE ENEMY AND NOT PEOPLE. AND SO AS WE REFLECT ON THE GREAT  
11 DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL RICHNESS OF THE PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES  
12 COUNTY, WE PRAY THAT ALL PEOPLES OF ALL RACES AND ALL FAITHS  
13 IN ALL COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL LEARN TO BELIEVE THAT  
14 THE PEACE THAT OFTEN SEEMS SO FAR OFF IS, IN FACT, WITHIN OUR  
15 REACH. AND FINALLY, WE PRAY FOR OUR DEDICATED SUPERVISORS. MAY  
16 THEY CONTINUE TO BE MOTIVATED BY THOSE WORDS FOUND IN SACRED  
17 WRITINGS, BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO  
18 HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE. AND AS WE PRAY THIS, I INVITE  
19 EVERYONE TO ANSWER "AMEN."

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21 **ALL:** AMEN.

22

23 **JERRY KING:** PLACE YOUR HANDS, PLEASE, OVER YOUR RIGHT -- OVER  
24 YOUR HEART AND FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE  
25 FLAG. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND  
5 GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF  
6 RECOGNITION OF APPRECIATION TO DR. ARA. CHARLIE IS A LONG-TIME  
7 FRIEND AND IT'S PLEASURE TO HAVE HIM HERE TODAY AND AS WAS  
8 MENTIONED, HE HAS BEEN A CERRITOS COUNTY -- A RESIDENT OF  
9 CERRITOS FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND FORTY YEARS AGO RIGHT HERE  
10 WITH ERNIE DADS, KENNY HAHN, WARREN DORN, BURTON CHASE, AND  
11 FRANK BONELLI, HE LED THIS COUNTY IN AN INVOCATION AS WELL. SO  
12 WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE HIM. IF WE COULD HAVE SOME ATTENTION  
13 OVER HERE ON THE SIDE PLEASE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK FOR QUIET.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY? THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AT THE  
18 TIME THAT CHARLIE LED THE INVOCATION AND HE WAS ASSISTANT  
19 PASTOR OF SAINT FINBAR S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BURBANK. HE'S NOW  
20 RETIRED FROM THE CHURCH AND IS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY  
21 COUNSELOR. AND SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN HIM IN "PEOPLE"  
22 MAGAZINE OTHER, HE ALSO MARRIED HUGH HEFFNER, HIS MOST RECENT  
23 MARRIAGE, SO CHARLIE'S GOT A LOT OF CLAIM, SO I HAVE THIS  
24 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, BUT ONE THING CHARLIE DOESN'T  
25 KNOW, ONE THING CHARLIE DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT HE GAVE ME A COPY



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1 OF THE PRAYER THAT HE GAVE US 40 YEARS AGO HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY. WE'VE HAD THAT PUT ON A PLAQUE FOR YOU IN RECOGNITION  
3 OF JULY 23RD, 1963. SO WELCOME AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
4 CHARLIE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL MADAM CHAIR, CHARLIE, IF YOU'RE GOING  
9 TO KEEP MARRYING HUGH HEFFNER, IT LL BE A FULL EMPLOYMENT ACT  
10 IT'S -- MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
11 THIS MORNING BY JERRY KING, THE LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF -- I  
12 THINK IT'S ACTUALLY YOUR DISTRICT, MADAM CHAIR, THE 1600 BLOCK  
13 OF DURANGO, BUT I WALKED THAT PRECINCT WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR  
14 THE CITY COUNCIL, I REMEMBER IT WELL, AND I PROBABLY WALKED TO  
15 YOUR HOUSE. AND JERRY IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY  
16 AIR CORPS, SERVED IN THE -- IN WORLD WAR TWO, FROM 1942  
17 THROUGH '45 IN SICILY, THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN, FRANCE, GERMANY,  
18 NORTH AFRICA. HE'S RECEIVED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, EUROPEAN  
19 AFRICAN MIDEAST CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH THREE STARS, THE WORLD WAR  
20 TWO VICTORY MEDAL, THE MEDAL OF OCCUPATION FOR GERMANY,  
21 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S THE OWNER OF CURTIS KING  
22 HOME PRODUCTS, MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN, AND HAS LIVED IN  
23 THIS PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 56 YEARS, A GRADUATE OF  
24 ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK, AND WE HONOR YOU, JERRY,



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1 AND THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR  
2 YOUR GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL NOW HAVE THE AGENDA.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
8 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.  
14 ON ITEM NUMBER 2, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY VOTES "NO." SO  
16 THE ITEM FAILS. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
17 PORTION RELATING TO AB-1395, HE'S REQUESTING THAT THAT BE  
18 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. ON THE AMENDMENT PORTION OF THAT  
19 ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT HIS AMENDMENT BE  
20 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THAT PORTION THAT IS IN BOLD LETTERS,  
23 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. ON THE REMAINDER OF 10 AND  
24 THE REMAINDER OF THE OTHER ITEMS, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
25 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR --

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO THE OTHER ITEM WAS REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** RIGHT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, IT WAS REFERRED BACK. I'M SORRY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, OKAY.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM NUMBER 2 FAILS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITH THE NOTATION THAT THE FIRST PART IS  
19 REFERRED BACK TO KNABE'S OFFICE OF 10.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT IS 10 ISN'T IT? OF 10 IT'S REFERRED  
24 BACK, AND THE SECOND PART IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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1    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES MADAM CHAIR.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ON THE REMAINDER --

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5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NUMBER TWO.

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7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF TWO, RIGHT.

8

9    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

10

11    **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT?

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13    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D ALREADY SAID 2 FAILS.

14

15    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 2 FAILS, NUMBER 2 FAILS.

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17    **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH 10?

18

19    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NOTHING.

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21    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I'D SAY ON THE -- 10, ON -- I'LL START  
22    OVER.

23

24    **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE FIRST PART OF 10 IT IS REFERRED BACK  
2    TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S OFFICE. THE PART THAT IS IN BOLD LETTERS  
3    IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. ITEM 2 HAD FAILED BECAUSE THERE  
4    WERE INDICATIONS OF VOTES THAT WERE "NO," 3-TO-2. ON THE  
5    REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA, SO  
6    ORDERED.

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8    **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S TRY IT AGAIN YVONNE. [ LAUGHTER ]

9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 15 THROUGH  
13   19.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
16   ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, NUMBER 20.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED -- I'M SORRY,  
21   MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
22   ORDERED.

23

24   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, NUMBER 21.

25



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 22.

5

6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
7    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM  
10    23.

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12    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
13    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 24.

16

17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
18    ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 25, THE FIRE  
21    CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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23    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 25 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

24

25    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 26 THROUGH 35.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY --

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, ON ITEM NUMBER 33 SUPERVISOR  
5 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 33, THAT'S CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.  
8 ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 36.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ON ITEM 37 SUPERVISORS  
17 BURKE AND KNABE REQUEST A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 37 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR  
20 TWO WEEKS.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 38 THROUGH 39.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, ITEM 40.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT  
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 41 THROUGH  
8 43.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 44.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 45 THROUGH  
19 47. ON ITEM NUMBER 45, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AS NOTED ON  
20 THE AGENDA ON ITEM 46, ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR  
21 REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ON ITEM NUMBER 47,  
22 HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND OTHER.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 46 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, AND ON  
2   THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
3   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 48 THROUGH 82. ON  
6   ITEM NUMBER 68 ON PAGE 25, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK  
7   CONTINUANCE.

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9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,  
10   SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ITEM 83.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
15   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 84 THROUGH 89. ON ITEM 86,  
18   FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO." ON ITEM 87, IT'S  
19   A POLICY ITEM, AND FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES  
20   "NO" IF THERE'S A MOTION TO APPROVE.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION ON 86?

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
2   ANTONOVICH -- BY KNABE. ITEMS 86 AND 87 IS 4-TO-1. THOSE ARE  
3   APPROVED. ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
4   SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 90 --

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, DID WE APPROVE 85? IS THAT  
9   HELD?

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11   **SUP. KNABE:** 84, 85, AND 88,

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WERE HELD?

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15   **SUP. KNABE:** AND 89, ALL THE --

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO 85 WAS APPROVED, THERE -- I HAD NO  
18   INDICATION IT WAS BEING HELD.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, I DIDN T GIVE AN INDICATION BUT I  
21   WANT TO JUST -- MOVE TO RECONSIDER, SO I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF  
22   QUESTIONS, I'M NOT GOING TO --

23



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY TO  
2   RECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 85. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
3   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO 85 WILL BE HELD.

4

5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 90  
6   THROUGH 92.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
9   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, 93 THROUGH  
12   96. ON ITEM NUMBER 93, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS REQUESTING A  
13   TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM 94, 95, AND 96, THE COUNTY  
14   COUNSEL REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 93, IT'S CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.  
17   ITEM 94 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. 95 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO  
18   WEEKS AND 96 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, 96 THROUGH 100.  
21   I'M SORRY. 97 THROUGH 100.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 97, ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE,  
24   SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 101 THROUGH 103.  
2   101 IS THE TREASURE AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO  
3   ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COVINA  
4   VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2001  
5   ELECTION SERIES B, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
6   \$30 MILLION.

7

8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
9   KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 102, TREASURE AND TAX COLLECTOR S  
12   RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
13   AND SALE OF CERTAIN LOS ANGELES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
14   DISTRICT 2003/2004 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES, AN  
15   AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100 MILLION.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 103, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR S  
21   RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
22   AND SALE OF PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL  
23   OBLIGATION BONDS 2002 ELECTION SERIES A IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
24   EXCEED \$33 MILLION.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
2   MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
5   REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
6   OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF  
7   THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.  
8   ITEM 104-A.

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
11   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 104-B, WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR A  
14   REPORT. 104-C.

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16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
17   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 104-D.

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21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
22   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND AN ITEM CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS  
2 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD, ITEM  
3 A-4.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S IN -- WELL, MOVED BY MOLINA,  
6 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
9 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM ON AT 10:00. THERE  
13 ARE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE REQUESTED FOR THEIR  
14 PRESENTATIONS. ONE IS RUTH GALANTER. THE OTHER IS THE SENTINEL  
15 NEWSPAPER. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO HAS A SPECIAL ITEM WHERE  
16 THE PEOPLE CANNOT REMAIN UNTIL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FINISHES  
17 HIS PRESENTATION? HE HAS TO LEAVE BY 11:00. OKAY. WE'LL TAKE -  
18 - SUPERVISOR KNABE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
21 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNCILWOMAN RUTH  
22 GALANTER TO JOIN ME UP HERE. WE ARE HONORING COUNCILWOMAN  
23 GALANTER TODAY FOR HER 16 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES  
24 CITY COUNCIL. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE 16 YEARS HAS GONE JUST LIKE  
25 THAT. SHE'S OBVIOUSLY WELL KNOWN TO WEST SIDE VOTERS AND



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1 RESIDENTS, FIRST AS AN ACTIVIST AND THEN AS A CHAIRWOMAN OF  
2 THE SOUTH COAST REGIONAL COASTAL COMMISSION. SHE WAS ALSO THE  
3 FOUNDER OF THE LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS IN  
4 THE LATE 1970S. DURING THE 1980S, SHE WORKED AS A CONSULTANT  
5 TO BOTH THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY AND FOR THE SANTA MONICA  
6 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. AS AN URBAN PLANNER SHE WAS ACTIVE IN  
7 WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS FROM HUNTINGTON BEACH TO MALIBU  
8 AND HELPED WITH THE SANTA MONICA PIER RESTORATION. AS A MEMBER  
9 OF THE CITY COUNCIL SINCE 1987 AND WHOSE DISTRICT OVERLAPPED  
10 THREE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, SHE WAS COMMENTING JUST HOW  
11 GREAT WE ARE TO WORK WITH, WASN'T THAT, WAS THAT -- [ LIGHT  
12 LAUGHTER ].

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE HAS FOCUSED HER EFFORTS IN RESTORING THE BIONA  
15 LAGOON, THE VENICE CANALS AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE SANTA  
16 MONICA BAY RESTORATION PROJECT, AND ALSO WAS A LEADER IN THE  
17 EFFORTS TO HELP SAVE THE PLAYA VISTA WETLANDS WHICH HAS JUST  
18 HAD ITS DEDICATION CEREMONIES AFTER MANY DECADES OF EFFORTS IN  
19 MID-APRIL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, RUTH HAS WORKED NONSTOP ON  
20 QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES ON THE WEST SIDE, INCLUDING ONE WE'VE  
21 WORKED GENERALLY ON, AND THAT'S CURBING THE EXPANSION OF  
22 L.A.X., AND RUTH'S EFFORTS HAVE WON HER NUMEROUS AWARDS FROM  
23 SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS HEAL THE BAY, GLOBAL GREEN, THE MONOLAKE  
24 COMMUNITY COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR AND THE LOS ANGELES LEAGUE  
25 OF CONSERVATION VOTERS. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN MY OBSERVATION IN



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1 WORKING WITH RUTH THAT SHE TOTALLY BELIEVES IN LOCAL CONTROL  
2 AND TO TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS LOCALLY RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE  
3 SITUATION. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS  
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE CITIZENS OF YOUR DISTRICT AND ALL  
5 THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT  
6 YOU THIS PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR 16 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF  
7 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, SAY THANK YOU, AND WISH YOU THE  
8 VERY, VERY BEST IN RETIREMENT. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD TO SEE RON BUTCHER HERE. STILL WAITING  
15 FOR THAT 1981 PHOTOGRAPH. [ LAUGHTER ]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST, AS THE ONE SUPERVISOR  
18 WHO REPRESENTED THE OVERLAP WITH THE PREVIOUS SIXTH DISTRICT,  
19 AND THE CURRENT SIXTH DISTRICT, AND MORE THAN THAT, HAVING HAD  
20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH RUTH ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR  
21 MANY YEARS, HER RETIREMENT, THANKS TO TERM LIMITS, IS A REAL  
22 LOSS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, NOT JUST TO HER DISTRICT, BUT  
23 TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THIS REGION BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN  
24 A REAL LEADER, SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE, GETS  
25 TO "YES," IS NOT A HYPOCRITE, AS SO MANY IN OUR PROFESSION CAN



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1 BE FROM TIME TO TIME, SHE'S ALWAYS MOVING, ADVANCING THE BALL,  
2 AND I THINK THE WORK PRODUCT SHE'S HAD IN HER DISTRICT, AS DON  
3 HAD -- HAS MENTIONED, SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SPEAK ONLY A  
4 PORTION OF WHAT SHE'S ACCOMPLISHED. AS A COLLEAGUE OF HERS,  
5 SHE WAS ALWAYS -- HER WORD WAS ALWAYS GOLD AND SHE ALWAYS DID  
6 THE RIGHT THING, SOMETIMES AT CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL  
7 DISCOMFORT, WHETHER IT WAS IN THE DISTRICT OR WHETHER IT WAS  
8 ON THE COUNCIL, AND I WOULD SAY AS LATE AS YESTERDAY, FROM  
9 WHAT I READ IN THE PAPER, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THAT. SO  
10 IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL LOSS, RUTH, I WISH YOU THE BEST, AND  
11 IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU IN THIS CAPACITY, LOOK  
12 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN YOUR NEXT CAPACITY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING THAT IT'S  
15 BEEN A WONDERFUL YEARS THAT WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER ON MANY  
16 DIFFERENT ISSUES. I REPRESENTED AN OVERLAPPING AREA AND AN  
17 AREA THAT HAS MANY PROBLEMS, MANY ISSUES, BUT ONE OF THE  
18 THINGS IS YOU WERE ALWAYS A GREAT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT AREA,  
19 AND WERE THERE AND YOU WERE WELL-LIKED AND WELL SUPPORTED,  
20 THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT, BY THOSE COMMUNITIES,  
21 PARTICULARLY IN LAMERK PARK AND THOSE AREAS THAT --  
22 WESTCHESTER, ALL OF THOSE AREAS THAT YOU REPRESENTED AND YOU  
23 DID A GREAT JOB AND YOU WERE REALLY FITTED FOR THE DISTRICT,  
24 SO I WANT TO SAY TO YOU, BEST WISHES, MANY THANKS, BEST WISHES





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1 FOR WHATEVER YOU'RE MOVING ON TO DO, AND WE KNOW THAT'LL BE  
2 VERY EXCITING.

3

4 **RUTH GALANTER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH LET ME ALSO STATE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
7 APPRECIATES HER SUPPORT OF REGIONAL AIRPORTS, IN FIGHTING THE  
8 OVEREXPANSION OF L.A.X., WHICH -- WHICH REALLY PARALYZED THAT  
9 PART OF THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
10 THE STUPIDITY OF WANTING TO BUILD AN AIR STRIP IN THE MIDDLE  
11 OF THE OCEAN AS THEY'RE -- AS THEY FIRST SUGGESTED AND THEN  
12 THAT WENT OFF THE DRAWING BOARDS AND THEY HAD SOME OTHER TYPE  
13 OF CONFIGURATION, BUT THANKS TO MAYOR JIM HAHN AND RUTH  
14 GALANTER, WE'RE NOW LOOKING AT REGIONAL AIRPORTS, AND WE  
15 APPRECIATE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I JOIN AS WELL. I ONLY SERVED WITH RUTH FOR A  
18 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SHE WAS JUST COMING IN I GUESS, WHEN I  
19 WAS ON MY WAY OUT, BUT I HAVE WATCHED NOT FROM TOO FAR AWAY  
20 AND HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT  
21 SHE HAS PLAYED AND HER PERSISTENCE AND INSISTENCE ON  
22 REPRESENTING THE BEST INTEREST AND THE FOR HER DISTRICT AND  
23 HER CONSTITUENTS, SO WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR  
24 LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE PROVIDED TO NOT ONLY YOUR CONSTITUENTS,



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1 BUT TO THE CITY, AND IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH YOU EVEN  
2 THOUGH IT WAS A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

3

4 **RUTH GALANTER:** NOW?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, YOU CAN NOW TALK.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TIME'S UP.

9

10 **RUTH GALANTER:** YEAH, THANK YOU ZEV. I WOULD -- FIRST OF ALL  
11 I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO DON IN PARTICULAR AND TO ALL OF  
12 YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION. IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN INTERESTING IN  
13 THAT I HAVE ACTUALLY WORKED WITH ALL FIVE OF YOU AT ONE TIME  
14 OR ANOTHER ON ONE PROJECT OR ANOTHER, AND I FORGOT THAT YOU  
15 AND I ACTUALLY REPRESENT THE SAME AREA AT BOTH ENDS OF THE --  
16 THE DISTRICT. IT'S BEEN A VERY INTERESTING TIME IN OFFICE FOR  
17 ME. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT COMMUNITIES BY NOW  
18 ALMOST ALL OVER THE ENTIRE CITY, AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF  
19 DIFFERENCES BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A LOT OF SIMILARITIES, AND I  
20 KNOW THAT YOU ALL DEAL WITH THOSE SAME SIMILARITIES AND COMMON  
21 THREADS AND COMMON CONCERNS EVERYWHERE THAT -- THAT YOU  
22 REPRESENT. I'M VERY PROUD OF SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE DONE  
23 TOGETHER, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED, WE HAVE TAUGHT  
24 EVERYBODY IN THE REGION HOW TO SPELL "REGIONAL" AND WE'VE JUST  
25 BEEN VALIDATED BY THE RAND CORPORATION WHICH SAYS THAT A



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1 REGIONAL AIRPORT SOLUTION IS BETTER. AND I'M THRILLED TO HAVE  
2 RECEIVED THIS RECOGNITION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE  
3 NEXT, BUT AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR VERY KIND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS  
4 HERE, MAYBE I SHOULD RUN FOR ANOTHER OFFICE. [ LAUGHTER ].

5

6 **RUTH GALANTER:** HOWEVER, IT'S NOT IN MY PLANS, SO THANK YOU  
7 VERY MUCH, THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THINKING OF DOING THIS,  
8 AND IT'S VERY HEAVY. [ APPLAUSE ] [ MIXED VOICES ] [ LIGHT  
9 LAUGHTER ]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I AM -- I'M GOING TO TAKE THE LIBERTY OF  
12 TAKING TWO PRESENTATIONS -- ONE, THE L.A. SENTINEL, AND THE  
13 OTHER, EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, AND THEN WE WILL GO TO THE  
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BECAUSE I KNOW HE HAS LIMITED TIME. AND I'D  
15 LIKE TO CALL JENNIFER THOMAS FORWARD, A MEMBER -- AND MEMBERS  
16 OF THE SENTINEL STAFF. AND THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL HAS BEEN  
17 WELL KNOWN FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, FOUNDED IN 1933 BY LEON  
18 WASHINGTON, IT'S PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING THE BLACK  
19 COMMUNITY INFORMED POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND SOCIALLY,  
20 AND WHEN THE NEWSPAPER FIRST STARTED, NEWS ABOUT AFRICAN-  
21 AMERICANS WAS ALMOST NEVER COVERED BY THE METROPOLITAN PRESS  
22 UNLESS IT DEALT WITH CRIMINAL SUSPECTS, AND AT A TIME WHEN  
23 BLACK LOS ANGELES WAS RARELY COVERED EXCEPT FOR NEGATIVE  
24 ISSUES, THE SENTINEL GAVE AFRICAN-AMERICANS A REFLECTION OF  
25 BLACK SOCIETY IN ITS FULLEST AND IT BECAME THE LARGEST



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1 AFRICAN-AMERICAN-OWNED NEWSPAPER WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI,  
2 CONNECTING MORE THAN 50,000 WEEKLY READERS. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO  
3 TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN REPORTING ON ISSUES THAT WERE IMPORTANT  
4 TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, FROM AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
5 PERSPECTIVE, AND IT STILL DOES. AND AS THE LOS ANGELES  
6 SENTINEL GOES INTO ITS 71ST YEAR, IT REMAINS A HIGHLY RELEVANT  
7 AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES, AND  
8 IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE I RECOGNIZE THE HISTORY AND  
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL ON ITS 70TH  
10 ANNIVERSARY, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I D LIKE TO SAY IS, YOU  
11 KNOW, IF YOU EVER PUT ALL OF YOUR PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET, IT  
12 WILL BE THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN LOS ANGELES, AND I  
13 HOPE SOMETIME SOMEONE DOES THAT SO THAT PEOPLE CAN REALLY SEE  
14 ALL OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO  
15 HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE  
16 YOU THERE AS THE PUBLISHER, AND YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. AND  
17 I KNOW YOU HAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE TOO.

18

19 **JENNIFER THOMAS:** OKAY, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE SOME OF THE  
20 SENTINEL STAFF THAT S HERE WITH US TODAY. WE HAVE MR. BERNARD  
21 LLOYD, HE'S AN EXECUTIVE SALESPERSON. MR. JAMES BOLDEN, OUR  
22 MANAGING EDITOR, MRS. CARLYNN IRVIN, MY RIGHT-HAND PERSON AND  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND WE HAVE MRS. VERGIE MURRAY, OUR  
24 RELIGION EDITOR. THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL IS VERY HONORED TO  
25 BE A PART OF THIS EVENT TODAY. OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS, WE'VE



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1 DONE OUR BEST TO REPORT THE NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE AFRICAN-  
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND BY DOING SO, WE'VE BECOME A MAINSTAY  
3 IN THE COMMUNITY. WE PLAN ON CONTINUING OUR WORK FOR THE NEXT  
4 70 YEARS AND BEYOND, AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS  
5 SPECIAL RECOGNITION. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL NOW THE EMPLOYEE OF THE  
8 MONTH. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE 2000 -- MAY 2003  
9 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, ROSARIO MEDRANO, AND SHE'S A 12-YEAR  
10 EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE'S A SUPERVISING  
11 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
12 HEALTH, WHO IS RECOGNIZED BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
13 AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL AS AN EXPERT ON  
14 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, SHE'S WORKED  
15 WITH L.A.P.D. AND THE DEPARTMENT S SYSTEM-WIDE MENTAL  
16 ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TEAM, FOR EACH TEAM WITHIN L.A.P.D. OFFICE  
17 ARE RESPONDING TO 9-1-1 CALLS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING  
18 FROM MENTAL ILLNESS OR EXPERIENCING SEVERE EMOTIONAL CRISIS.  
19 ROSARIO IS A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL INCIDENT  
20 STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM AND AS THE LEAD CLINICIAN FOR ALL  
21 INCIDENTS INVOLVING SPANISH SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS, SHE PROVIDES  
22 CRISIS INTERVENTION AND DEBRIEFING TO VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND  
23 THE RESCUER PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN TRAUMATIC EVENTS. EACH YEAR,  
24 SHE DISPLAYS HER COMMUNITY ACTIVISM BY DONATING HER OWN TIME  
25 AND EXPERTISE TO ORGANIZE THE LATINO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH





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1 CONFERENCE AND HAS ALWAYS MADE HERSELF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST  
2 PROFESSIONALLY DURING HER PERSONAL TIME OFF. AND IN  
3 RECOGNITION OF YOUR HARD WORK AND YOUR GREAT CONTRIBUTION, WE  
4 WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AS MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [  
5 APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **ROSARIO MEDRANO:** I'M VERY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS  
8 RECOGNITION, AND THIS IS NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT ALL THE SOCIAL  
9 WORKERS THAT WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THANK  
10 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, DIR., DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH:** IN ALL  
13 MENTAL HEALTH WORK, CLINICAL, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC  
14 COMPETENCE IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT, BUT ROSARIO EXHIBITS ALL  
15 OF THOSE IN A PARTICULARLY DELICATE FIELD, THOSE CRISIS  
16 SITUATIONS WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH NEED TO  
17 RESPOND TOGETHER TO PREVENT A TRAGEDY FROM OCCURRING, AND SHE  
18 HAS JUST BEEN OUTSTANDING, SHOWING WHAT CAN BE DONE IF  
19 SOMEBODY WITH COMPETENCE GOES TO THE FIELD AND PROVIDES THE  
20 INTERVENTIONS THAT MAKES PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER. SO ROSARIO,  
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU TO YOUR COLLEAGUES. [  
22 APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MADAM CHAIR I HAVE ONE THAT HAS A TIME  
25 COMING. THIS IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE COMMUNITY ONCE



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1 AGAIN THE POWER OF A -- OF THE FAMILY, THE POWER OF TWO  
2 INDIVIDUALS, AND WE'RE RECOGNIZING THE MOTHER WHO HAS DONE A  
3 PHENOMENAL JOB IN FOSTER CARE. THIS MORNING, WE'RE WELCOMING  
4 DENISE WHITMIRE AND HER HUSBAND, JOE, IS HER PARTNER IN THIS,  
5 BUT SHE WAS RECENTLY HONORED WITH THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
6 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR THE FIFTH  
7 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF FOSTER PARENT  
8 EXPERIENCE DENISE AND JOE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CARED FOR OVER 250  
9 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED AND DISABLED CHILDREN. EVERY ONE OF HER  
10 FOSTER CHILDREN WHO HAVE TURNED -- WHO HAS TURNED 18 HAS  
11 GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND GONE ON TO COLLEGE OR TRADE  
12 SCHOOL, INCLUDING THREE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WHO ARE LIVING IN  
13 HER HOME RIGHT NOW, THREE ADULT HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. BEING A  
14 FOSTER PARENT FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND TROUBLED TEENS IS NOT  
15 AN EASY JOB. HOWEVER, DENISE GOES OUT OF HER WAY TO ENSURE  
16 THAT ALL OF THE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE MEDICAL AND  
17 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE. SHE'S ALSO QUITE ACTIVE  
18 WITHIN HER COMMUNITY SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY  
19 ASSISTANCE AND HOMELESS YOUNGSTERS, TWO HOMELESS YOUNGSTERS  
20 AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOSTER PARENT  
21 ASSOCIATION, BEING ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS,  
22 MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS, GIRLS AND BOY SCOUTS AND THE  
23 INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES PROJECT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY.  
24 CURRENTLY, HER FAMILY INCLUDES A ONE-YEAR-OLD BLIND TWINS.  
25 THESE ARE CHILDREN I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH THROUGH JOE AND



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1 DENISE. THEY WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR FAMILY AT A GLENDALE  
2 HOSPITAL BECAUSE THEY WERE BORN BLIND, THEY WALKED OUT ON  
3 THESE CHILDREN AFTER BEING BORN, THEY TOOK THEM IN A COUPLE  
4 DAYS OLD, AND FROM THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT LOVE AND STABILITY  
5 TO THIS -- TO THESE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN. ANOTHER ONE IS A 11-  
6 YEAR-OLD WITH SEVERE ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES, A 12-YEAR-OLD WITH  
7 CEREBRAL PALSY AND A 15 YEAR OLD TWINS, ONE WITH A HEART  
8 DEFECT, THE OTHER DEAF AND MENTALLY RETARDED, AND A 23 YEAR  
9 OLD YOUNG WOMAN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY. AN ADDITIONAL THREE  
10 HANDICAPPED YOUNG ADULTS LIVE IN THEIR GUEST HOMES, ON HER  
11 AGUA DULCE RANCH, HOMES ADDED BECAUSE THE THREE ARE TOO OLD  
12 FOR THE COUNTY FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, BUT YET THEY STILL NEED  
13 CARE. AND ADDING TO HER HEART-GIVING TASKS DENISE IS ALSO  
14 LICENSED WITH THE NORTH VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER TO CARE FOR TWO  
15 ADDITIONAL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ON WEEKENDS, GIVING THEIR  
16 PARENTS A BREAK. SO THIS IS THE POWER OF A FAMILY, A POWER OF  
17 DENISE, A POWER OF JOE, WHO'S NOW TAKING PICTURES. HE'S ALSO A  
18 PHOTOGRAPHER. BUT THIS IS WHEN PEOPLE SAY, "WHAT CAN I DO TO  
19 HELP?" THIS IS AN EXAMPLE, BUT NOT JUST HELPING ONE, BUT OVER  
20 250, AND AGAIN, THEY'VE ALL GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR  
21 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND THEY'VE GONE ON, AND WE APPRECIATE  
22 DENISE'S YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GOD BLESS YOU, AND ALSO QUITE  
23 ACTIVE IN THEIR CHURCH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS WELL. [  
24 APPLAUSE ]

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1     **DENISE WHITMIRE:** I AM VERY HUMBLLED BY THIS AWARD. I WANT TO  
2     THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS HERE, INCLUDING MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR  
3     GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE HELP TO AID THE CHILDREN OF  
4     LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANKS.

5

6     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE'S DR. DAVID SANDERS, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF  
7     DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

8

9     **DAVID SANDERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND  
10    THANKS TO MR. AND MS. WHITMIRE FOR BEING THE EXEMPLARY EXAMPLE  
11    OF FOSTER PARENTING THAT WE NEED IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND WE  
12    HAVE A NUMBER OF -- OF VERY GOOD THINGS GOING ON IN THE  
13    DEPARTMENT, AND I THINK THAT YOU JUST HEARD SUCH A TREMENDOUS  
14    EXAMPLE OF WHAT THIS COMMUNITY CAN DO FOR KIDS. THANK YOU VERY  
15    MUCH.

16

17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOE COME UP HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHILE THEY'RE TAKING THAT LAST PHOTO, I'D  
20    LIKE TO ASK IF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD COME FORWARD. WE  
21    WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENTATIONS. OUR PROBLEM IS THE  
22    DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOES HAVE TO LEAVE AND HE HAD ASKED TO BE  
23    HEARD AT 10:00. WE -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. I'M  
24    SORRY THAT WE ARE CALLING YOU SO LATE BUT I HOPE --

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1   **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL I APPRECIATE YOU ADJUSTING YOUR SCHEDULE TO  
2   MEET MINE 'CAUSE I WAS UNAVAILABLE LAST WEEK, AND I WOULD LIKE  
3   TO ADDRESS THE SUPERVISORS, AND TO HELP ME IN AT LEAST SOME OF  
4   THE MORE TRICKY QUESTIONS, I HAVE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
5   SHARON MATSIMOTO IN CHARGE OF OUR OFFICE'S ADMINISTRATION, AND  
6   OUR DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT BUDGET BILL MANGEN. LET ME COMMENCE  
7   BY SUGGESTING THAT, THIS YEAR, MY OFFICE IS ONCE AGAIN BEING  
8   ASKED TO CUT ITS BUDGET. THE C.A.O. HAS RECOMMENDED A \$4.6  
9   MILLION CURTAILMENT FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE IN THE COMING YEAR.  
10   NOW, I'VE BEEN BEFORE THIS BOARD IN SOMEWHAT BETTER TIMES AND  
11   AS WELL AS THE NOT-SO-GOOD TIMES, SUCH AS NOW, WHICH WE ALL  
12   RECOGNIZE. THE RESULT, HOWEVER, IS INVARIABLY THE SAME: A  
13   GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY AND EMPATHY FROM THIS BOARD, BUT NO  
14   HELP. I'M ASKING YOU THIS YEAR TO GIVE MY DEPARTMENT A PASS ON  
15   THE C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION TO CUT OUR BUDGET. I ASK INSTEAD  
16   YOU TAKE THE AFFIRMATIVE STEP AND SIGNAL TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
17   ANGELES COUNTY, THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE, THE SECURE  
18   COMMUNITY THAT THAT PROVIDES AND, VERY IMPORTANTLY, THE RIGHTS  
19   OF VICTIMS ARE A FOREMOST PRIORITY IN THE MINDS OF LOS ANGELES  
20   COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP; NAMELY, THIS BOARD. SOON  
21   AFTER I CAME INTO OFFICE AS D.A., I DIRECTED MY STAFF TO  
22   ASSESS THE STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS FUNDING. I  
23   DETERMINED THAT THE D.A.'S BUDGET FOR NEW GRANT PROGRAMS HAVE  
24   BEEN PREVIOUSLY AND CHRONICALLY UNDER-FUNDED. THIS WAS DONE TO  
25   CREATE A ZERO INCREASE IN NET COUNTY COST DURING ADMITTEDLY



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1 TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. THE TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED WAS VERY SIMPLE:  
2 CREATE A REVENUE APPROPRIATION OF 100% TO THE GRANTS EXPECTED  
3 REVENUES, ALLOCATE 100% OF THE REQUIRED POSITIONS FOR THE  
4 GRANTS, BUDGETARILY APPROPRIATE ONLY 80% OF THE SALARIES  
5 REQUESTED TO STAFF THE GRANT POSITIONS. NOW THIS TECHNIQUE  
6 MAXIMIZED THE USE OF OUTSIDE FUNDING DURING THE IMMEDIATE YEAR  
7 AFTER THE ACQUISITION OF THE GRANTS, BUT IT CAUSED SERIOUS  
8 PROBLEMS IN MANAGING THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE FULL FUNDING WAS  
9 NEVER, EVER APPROPRIATED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. IT CAUSED THE  
10 D.A.'S OFFICE TO REALLOCATE STAFF FROM THE GENERAL COUNTY-  
11 FUNDED POSITIONS TO GRANT POSITIONS WITH NO HOPE OF REPLACING  
12 STAFF IN THE COUNTY-FUNDED POSITIONS. THIS WAS DUE TO  
13 INADEQUATE FUNDING. IT CREATED LONG-TERM VACANCIES IN COUNTY-  
14 FUNDED POSITIONS WHICH COULD NOT BE FILLED DUE TO INADEQUATE  
15 FUNDING. IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT  
16 SALARY SAVINGS TO A POINT WHERE IT NOW REPRESENTS 13% OF ALL  
17 SALARIES REQUIRED TO STAFF THE DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF, IT  
18 SHOULD BE NOTED, HAS FOUND A 7% SALARY SAVINGS TO BE  
19 INTOLERABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE. OURS IS 13%. THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
20 NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FULLY RE-STAFF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUNDED  
21 POSITIONS IN SUBSEQUENT BUDGET YEARS, THAT'S WHY I REPEATEDLY,  
22 AND AS LITTLE AS TEN DAYS AGO, COMMUNICATED WITH THE BOARD AND  
23 THE C.A.O. THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. IT TAKES  
24 FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE DISASTER THIS HAS CAUSED IN MY  
25 DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD RECOGNIZED THIS BUDGETARY FLAW LAST YEAR





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1 AND PUBLICLY EMPATHIZED WITH THE PROBLEM. IN SPITE OF THIS  
2 HARDSHIP AND THIS CRITICAL FLAW IN THE BUDGET, I HAVE  
3 FAITHFULLY DISCHARGED MY OBLIGATION AS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND  
4 AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO KEEP A BALANCED BUDGET AT ALL TIMES.  
5 NOW, AS I STATED EARLIER, I HAVE ASKED THE BOARD TO ADDRESS  
6 THE FUNDING PROBLEMS OF THE D.A.'S BUDGET FROM A NUMBER OF  
7 PERSPECTIVES. I HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR HELP IN FUNDING  
8 CRITICALLY-NEEDED GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS. AS YOU'LL RECALL, I  
9 RETAINED THE ROLLOUT PROGRAM THE D.A.'S RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM  
10 TO OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND IN-CUSTODY DEATHS DESPITE  
11 THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL GRANT THAT HAD FUNDED THAT RAN OUT,  
12 WE TOOK THAT OUT OF HIDE. WE HAVE EXPANDED THE JUSTICE SYSTEM  
13 INTEGRITY DIVISION TO FULFILL NEW EXPANDED RESPONSIBILITIES IN  
14 THE WAKE OF RAMPART. OUR ORGANIZED CRIME DIVISION, WHICH I  
15 ASKED FOR FUNDING FOR AND DID NOT GET, IS STILL RELATIVELY  
16 SMALL DESPITE THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF ITS ANTI-  
17 TERRORIST COMPONENT. UNINCORPORATED AREA CODE ENFORCEMENT, A  
18 SPECIAL NEED IDENTIFIED BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD STILL IS NOT  
19 FULFILLED. NOW I'VE ASKED FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF FROM THE SALARY  
20 SAVINGS BURDEN, I'VE ASKED THE BOARD TO RESTORE THE  
21 CURTAILMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE C.A.O. IN THE 2002/2003 BUDGET  
22 YEAR. THAT TOTAL, 4.9 MILLION. THAT REQUEST, AS YOU'LL RECALL,  
23 WAS TABLED REPEATEDLY BUT NEVER VOTED UPON, AND THE FINAL  
24 ANALYSIS LEFT IN LIMBO DURING THE ENTIRE PAST YEAR. NOW I CAN  
25 ASSURE YOU THE CURTAILMENTS FOR THE '02/'03 FISCAL YEAR HAVE



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1 BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT A GREAT SACRIFICE TO PROSECUTION SERVICES  
2 THAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS RELY UPON. OUR DEPARTMENT IS TERRIBLY  
3 WEAKENED AND UNDER-FUNDED. I ASK THEN, WHY ALLOW FOR MORE  
4 DOWNSIZING. IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF THERE HAD BEEN A TIME IN  
5 THE LAST TEN YEARS WHEN THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO  
6 RECOVER FROM THE RECESSION OF THE EARLY '90S. WE WOULD BE IN A  
7 BETTER POSITION TO SHARE IN THE COUNTY'S CURRENT PAIN AND  
8 WOULD DO SO, MAYBE NOT WITHOUT COMPLAINT, BUT WITH LESS  
9 COMPLAINT, BUT THAT RECOVERY NEVER HAPPENED. THE SALARY  
10 SAVINGS HAS BEEN RATIONING UPWARD EACH YEAR DUE TO THE  
11 RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF GRAND UNDER-FUNDING, THE ABSORPTION OF  
12 COST INCREASES FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND RETIREE HEALTH  
13 INSURANCE GOES ON. THESE ABSORPTIONS ARE EFFECTIVELY BUDGET  
14 CUTS FOR WHICH WE HAD TO GIVE UP SALARIES AND POSITIONS. OUR  
15 GENERAL FUND PORTION OF THE BUDGET IS IN A CONTINUAL STATE OF  
16 DETERIORATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR  
17 HELP. IT'S JUST ABSORBED THE COST AND THE ANNUAL CURTAILMENTS,  
18 AND I ASK, WHERE DOES IT END. AS I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY, I  
19 CAN REPORT THERE ARE 83 LESS CAREER PROSECUTORS AVAILABLE FOR  
20 PROSECUTION SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. THAN ON THE DAY I  
21 ASSUMED OFFICE IN DECEMBER 2000, THERE ARE 17 LESS  
22 INVESTIGATORS IN A BUREAU THAT IS 58TH OUT OF 58 COUNTIES IN  
23 TERMS OF RATIOS OF BUREAU INVESTIGATORS TO DEPUTY D.A.S AND  
24 THERE ARE 53 LESS STAFF SUPPORT PERSONNEL. ALL OF THESE  
25 PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN LOST WITHOUT REPLACEMENT DUE TO BUDGET



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1 CUTS AND THE UNFUNDED VACANCIES CREATED BY THE SALARY SAVINGS  
2 FIASCO. THE C.A.O.'S 2003/2004 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION WILL  
3 REQUIRE THE LOSS OF AT LEAST 20 MORE CAREER PROSECUTORS AND  
4 SEVEN MORE STAFF PERSONNEL WITHOUT ANY HOPE OF REPLACEMENT  
5 UNLESS YOU INTERVENE, AND I DO REQUEST YOU DO SO. IT IS A  
6 SHORTSIGHTED TRAGEDY TO ALLOW THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT  
7 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DECLINE IN ABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN  
8 THE FACE OF CHALLENGES PRESENT THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT COUNTY. I  
9 ASK YOU TO STOP THE HEMORRHAGE OF OUR BUDGET, YOU HAVE THE  
10 POWER TO DO SO. GIVE US A CHANCE TO RECOVER THIS YEAR. WE ARE  
11 NOT ASKING FOR MORE FUNDS; WE JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE ANY  
12 MORE AWAY. WE HAVE GIVEN UP FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR MANY YEARS  
13 TO ACCOMMODATE THE COUNTY'S LARGER BUDGET PROBLEMS. WE HAVE  
14 BEEN GOOD SOLDIERS, BUT WE'VE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE  
15 HARMS -- WHERE HARM IS BEING DONE TO THE OFFICE. VICTIMS IN  
16 YOUR DISTRICTS WILL NOT BE WELL SERVED IF THE RECOMMENDED  
17 CURTAILMENTS ARE APPROVED. I WILL BE FORCED, AMONG OTHER  
18 THINGS, TO REDUCE STAFF IN THE SEX CRIMES DIVISION, THE  
19 ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, THE ELDER ABUSE SECTION, THE FAMILY  
20 CRIMES DIVISION, THE HARD CORE GANGS DIVISION AS IT COMES TO  
21 ASIAN -- THE ASIAN CRIME SECTION, THE HATE CRIMES SECTION, THE  
22 QUALITY OF LIFE UNIT AND THE HIGH TECH CRIME SECTION AND  
23 THROUGHOUT LINE OPERATIONS OF ALL BRANCH AND AREA COURTS AND  
24 IN CENTRAL OPERATIONS. THE DISMANTLING OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE,  
25 YOUR COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IS NOT A WISE CHOICE AMONG



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1 POSSIBLE CURTAILMENTS. THE PUBLIC WILL HOLD YOU AND I  
2 ACCOUNTABLE FOR REDUCED CREDIBILITY AND REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS  
3 OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. MANY CRITICAL OPERATIONS ARE  
4 GENERAL FUND ACTIVITIES AND THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ERODE  
5 FURTHER DUE TO NEGLECT OR LACK OF PRIORITIZATION. THE  
6 CONSTITUENTS OF YOUR DISTRICTS DEPEND UPON MY OFFICE AND YOURS  
7 TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF PUBLIC PROTECTION THAT IS FAIR,  
8 IMPARTIAL, ACCURATE, AND PROFESSIONAL. LET'S RESOLVE TO NOT DO  
9 ANY FURTHER HARM TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE BUT, INSTEAD, HOLD THE  
10 LINE ON REDUCTION OF SERVICES DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. IF YOU -- IF YOU HAVE TO ELIMINATE YOUR  
15 SPECIALIZED UNITS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE CASES THAT ARE BEING  
16 PROSECUTED RIGHT NOW?

17

18 **STEVE COOLEY:** THOSE CASES, BY AND LARGE, WILL STILL BE  
19 PROSECUTED BY THE OFFICE, BUT TO A SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED  
20 QUALITY. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VERTICALLY PROSECUTE MANY  
21 CASES INVOLVING VULNERABLE VICTIMS, SUCH AS WOMEN AND  
22 CHILDREN, SUCH THAT WE ARE DOING NOW IN THE FAMILY CRIMES  
23 DIVISION AND THE SEX CRIMES DIVISION. WE WOULD JUST NOT BE  
24 ABLE TO GIVE THE DUE ATTENTION, WHICH IS PRIMARILY  
25 ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH VERTICAL PROSECUTION TO THESE CRIMES THAT



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1 DO REQUIRE THAT SORT OF HIGH QUALITY OF PREPARATION AND  
2 HANDLING.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS, THEY DON'T COVER  
5 YOUR ANTI-TERRORISM ORGANIZED CRIME UNITS, DO THEY?

6

7 **STEVE COOLEY:** NO. WE BASICALLY ARE USING THE LAWYERS ASSIGNED  
8 TO ORGANIZED CRIME, AND IT'S A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER, TO  
9 HANDLE THAT COMPONENT. WE DO HAVE TWO D.A. INVESTIGATORS THIS  
10 BOARD DID FUND, COMMITTED TO SERVING ON ALL THE VARIOUS  
11 TASKFORCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT HAVE AN ANTI-TERRORIST  
12 RESPONSIBILITY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO PROPOSITION 172, THAT WAS  
15 INTENDED TO AUGMENT OR SUPPLEMENT YOUR GENERAL FUND  
16 ALLOCATIONS?

17

18 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, IT'S INTENDED TO, I THINK, GUARANTEE OUR  
19 GENERAL FUND OBLIGATION AND AUGMENT IT. AS A MATTER OF  
20 LEGISLATIVE INTENT, IT'S MAYBE HARD TO RECONSTRUCT THAT.  
21 HOWEVER, THERE ARE DIFFERENT THEORIES ON HOW THAT'S TO BE  
22 IMPLEMENTED, AND I -- AT THIS POINT, I'M NOT GOING TO  
23 CRITICIZE THE C.A.O.'S INTERPRETATION OF HOW HE'S HANDLING THE  
24 PROP 172 FUND BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
25 LAW, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HOW MUCH HAS  
3 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST YOUR DEPARTMENT?

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5 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER OVER FIVE  
6 YEARS, I KNOW THAT THIS YEAR IT'S WHAT BILL, 1. --

7

8 **BILL MANGEN:** IT'S GONE UP ABOUT 2 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE LAST  
9 THREE YEARS.

10

11 **STEVE COOLEY:** 1.9 MILLION INCREASE THIS YEAR AND BILL TELLS ME  
12 2 MILLION A YEAR ON AVERAGE FOR FIVE YEARS, THAT'S \$10  
13 MILLION, THAT'S A VERY SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF OUR BUDGET, AND  
14 I WILL TELL YOU, IF I CAN DEVIATE SLIGHTLY, THIS IS PROBABLY  
15 THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL AND BUSINESS  
16 IN GENERAL IN CALIFORNIA. THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM  
17 EMPLOYED IN THIS STATE IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER, IT IS A  
18 GATHERING PERFECT STORM. EVERY TIME GOVERNMENT TURNS AROUND,  
19 THEY HAVE INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKERS' COMP. THAT  
20 IS THE SAME IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND MY BUDGET AND OUR  
21 WORKERS' COMP SITUATION IS MERELY A MICROCOSM OF A MUCH BIGGER  
22 PROBLEM STATEWIDE, AND IF THERE'S PROBABLY ANY ONE THING THAT  
23 COULD BE DONE TO CREATE A HEALTHY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN THIS  
24 STATE AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS, IT WOULD  
25 BE TO REPAIR THIS TERRIBLY DYSFUNCTIONAL SYSTEM THAT IS RIFE





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1 WITH FRAUD AND ABUSE, OFTEN TIMES BY PROFESSIONALS IN OUR  
2 SOCIETY WHOM WE WOULD WISH WOULD NOT BE ABUSIVE, AND THAT'S  
3 LAWYERS AND DOCTORS. IT'S A SYSTEM THAT IS GOING TO ULTIMATELY  
4 HARM ALL OF US IN OUR RESPECTIVE ROLES TRYING TO SERVE THE  
5 PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ORGANIZED  
8 EFFORT IN FIGHTING CRIME AND KEEPING SAFE COMMUNITIES, IT'S  
9 VITAL THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC  
10 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, ALONG WITH PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF, HAVE  
11 THE RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT THEIR POLICIES AND TO IMPLEMENT A  
12 FAIR DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE. IF WE SHORTCHANGE THE DISTRICT  
13 ATTORNEY AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, A LOT OF CRIMINALS ARE GOING  
14 TO WALK FREE BECAUSE THEY WON'T BE PROSECUTED, AND IT'S -- THE  
15 D.A. AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER GO HAND IN HAND IN HOLDING UP THE  
16 JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTY.

17

18 **STEVE COOLEY:** GIVEN THE RELATIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ARE  
19 ASKING FOR, AND I THINK THE BEST WAY TO GIVE IT TO US WOULD BE  
20 IN THE FORM OF ADDRESSING THE SALARY SAVINGS ISSUE, THE  
21 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT DOING SO WILL BE SUBSTANTIVE, REAL, AND, I  
22 THINK, WILL FAR OUTWEIGH THE NOMINAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WE NEED  
23 TO PROCEED, AND BASICALLY IS KEEP OUR BUDGET THE SAME, NO  
24 FURTHER CUTS, AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS CHRONIC SALARY  
25 SAVINGS PROBLEM, WHICH WE ALL AGREE, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ONE



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1 BOARD MEMBER HERE OR ANY STAFF MEMBER THAT DOES NOT AGREE THAT  
2 THIS IS A PROBLEM CREATED SOME TIME AGO THAT'S COME HOME TO  
3 ROOST, AND WE OUGHT TO FIX IT AND FIX IT NOW.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE ASKING FOR WHAT, 2.3 MILLION?

6

7 **STEVE COOLEY:** WE'RE ASKING, ONE, WE NOT BE CUT AT ALL, AND  
8 WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR ANY MORE MONEY OTHER THAN WE DO -- WOULD  
9 LIKE A PLAN, WE CAN WORK WITH THE C.A.O. IN DEVELOPING THIS,  
10 TO REDUCE OUR SALARY SAVINGS TO WHAT WE FIGURE IS A FAIR  
11 AMOUNT OF ABOUT 8%.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THAT 8%?

14

15 **STEVE COOLEY:** THAT WOULD BE ABOUT SIX MILLION, BILL?

16

17 **BILL MANGEN:** ROUGHLY A SIX MILLION NET COUNTY COST INCREASE  
18 TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO FIX THE PROBLEM THIS YEAR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE ANY --

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, DAVID, DO YOU AGREE ABOUT -- ON  
23 THE DOLLAR AMOUNT?

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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I -- I'M SURE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS  
2   PROBABLY ACCURATE I'M -- IT'S JUST A MATTER OF CALCULATING THE  
3   SALARY SAVINGS. SALARY SAVINGS IS SOMETHING THAT WE DISCUSSED  
4   AT LENGTH LAST YEAR. IT IS AN ISSUE IN THE SHERIFF'S  
5   DEPARTMENT, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PARTICULARLY HAMPERED  
6   BY DECISIONS OF HIS PREDECESSOR, FRANKLY, BUT THE FACT IS, TO  
7   SOLVE THAT PROBLEM REQUIRES, AS HE SAID, \$6 MILLION OF GENERAL  
8   FUND MONEY. WE DON'T HAVE \$6 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND MONEY TO  
9   FIX HIS PROBLEM, SO HE -- WE ADDED A MILLION DOLLARS IN HIS  
10   FIRST YEAR. IT WAS HIGHER THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW. A CERTAIN  
11   PORTION OF THAT SALARY SAVINGS IS, YOU KNOW, A FREEBIE, IF YOU  
12   WILL, TO DEPARTMENTS, WE BUDGETED AT TOP STEP NOT AT ACTUAL,  
13   SO A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THAT IS NOT A REAL PROBLEM FOR THE  
14   DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUT THAT PART OF IT IS AN ISSUE, BUT I  
15   WOULD IMAGINE THAT HE'S LOOKING TO BE HELD HARMLESS BEFORE  
16   HE'S LOOKING TO HAVE THE SALARY SAVINGS FIXED IN TERMS OF  
17   PRIORITIES, BECAUSE THE \$4.6 MILLION CUT IS A BIGGER PROBLEM  
18   THAN THE SALARY SAVINGS IN TERMS OF MANAGING HIS BUDGET.

19

20   **STEVE COOLEY:** THAT'S TRUE.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS? DO YOU  
23   PRESENTLY HAVE THE D.A. ROLLOUT TEAM?

24

25   **STEVE COOLEY:** YES, WE DO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE -- DO YOU HAVE NOW?

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4 **STEVE COOLEY:** IT'S A TEAM OF D.A. INVESTIGATORS AND DEPUTY  
5 D.A.S, AND WE'VE BROUGHT ALONG SOME STATISTICS TO GIVE THAT TO  
6 YOU. LET ME HAVE BILL MANGEN GIVE YOU THE EXACT NUMBERS THAT  
7 WE HAVE AVAILABLE.

8

9 **BILL MANGEN:** YES, MRS. BURKE. THANK YOU. I'M BILL MANGEN,  
10 REPRESENTING THE BUREAU OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THE D.A.  
11 ROLLOUT TEAM AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS FUNDED BY A FEDERAL GRANT  
12 CONSTITUTED NINE POSITIONS, NINE ATTORNEY POSITIONS AND FOUR  
13 INVESTIGATORS, AND AFTER THAT FUNDING ABATED, THE DEPARTMENT  
14 CONTINUED TO PROVIDE THE ACTIVITY. THE TEAM -- THE ROLLOUT  
15 TEAM, HOWEVER, IS CONSTITUTED OF A PRIMARY TEAM AND THEN  
16 BACKUP TEAMS AND THE SUBSEQUENT THIRD TEAM, PEOPLE ARE ON CALL  
17 IN CASE THERE'S MORE THAN ONE CALL-OUT AT ANY GIVEN TIME. SO  
18 UP TO 24 INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT AT ANY TIME MAY BE  
19 CALLED UPON TO DO A ROLLOUT AFTER HOURS, BUT THE PRIMARY TEAM  
20 IS -- THAT WAS FUNDED IN THE PAST CONSTITUTED NINE PERSONNEL  
21 IN ORDER TO BE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. I  
22 HAVE SOME ACTIVITY STATISTICS, IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THOSE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I -- I JUST WANT TO GET SOME IDEA, SO  
25 IT'S --



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2 **BILL MANGEN:** IT'S A LITTLE OVER A MILLION DOLLARS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE REQUESTING -- ARE YOU REQUESTING  
5 NINE MORE -- DO YOU -- YOU PRESENTLY HAVE NINE IN THE ROLLOUT  
6 TEAM, OR YOU NOW HAVE 18? HOW MANY DO YOU PRESENTLY HAVE?

7

8 **BILL MANGEN:** THE ROLLOUT PERSONNEL COME FROM OUR JUSTICE  
9 SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION, SO WE NEVER HAVE RECEIVED ANY  
10 FUNDING FOR WHAT WE WOULD CALL A ROLLOUT TEAM. WE CREATED THE  
11 FUNCTION --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE DID YOU PUT INTO IT?

14

15 **BILL MANGEN:** WE PUT NINE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE INTO IT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR IS  
18 NINE MORE?

19

20 **BILL MANGEN:** WELL WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR THAT TODAY. THAT WAS  
21 PART OF OUR UNMET NEEDS THAT WE'VE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE BOARD  
22 MANY TIMES PREVIOUSLY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I SEE, ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY  
25 ASKING FOR THAT. IN THE ONES THAT YOU'RE REQUESTING, AND I'M



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1 NOT SURE, ARE PROJECT SENTRIES, 11 POSITIONS, ARE THOSE -- IS  
2 THAT A PRESENT PROGRAM THAT S GOING ON, OR IS THAT -- WOULD  
3 THAT BE -- AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE NOW?

4

5 **BILL MANGEN:** I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT QUESTION?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PROJECT SENTRY, WERE YOU REQUESTING 11  
8 POSITIONS FOR THAT?

9

10 **BILL MANGEN:** OH ON TODAY S BUDGET ITEM 24?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

13

14 **BILL MANGEN:** YES THAT'S A NEW GRANT THAT WILL COME INTO PLAY  
15 MIDYEAR, AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR AND WILL CONTINUE  
16 THROUGH TWO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, IT'S AN ADDITIONAL  
17 FEDERAL -- FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT PROGRAM.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT S FEDERALLY FUNDED?

20

21 **BILL MANGEN:** YES, MA'AM, AND THAT CONSTITUTES THREE  
22 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE -- ARE THOSE THINGS THAT YOU'RE  
25 REQUESTING, ARE -- WHICH ONES ARE NEW DIVISIONS?





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2     **BILL MANGEN:** WELL WE'RE NOT REQUESTING TODAY, MA'AM, WE'RE  
3 NOT REQUESTING ANY NEW PROGRAMS. WHAT WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING FOR  
4 IS THAT THE C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET  
5 OF A CURTAILMENT OF \$4.6 MILLION BE OVERRIDDEN BY BOARD  
6 AUTHORITY AND THE MONEY RESTORED, AND THAT MONEY WOULD RESTORE  
7 THE FAMILY VIOLENCE DIVISION AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT THE D.A.  
8 ENUMERATED IN HIS PRESENTATION.

9

10    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST ASK A QUESTION?

11

12    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

13

14    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LIST OF THINGS THAT YOU'RE CUTTING, WERE  
15 THOSE SPECIFICALLY CUT BY THE C.A.O.? DID HE CUT THE FAMILY  
16 VIOLENCE DIVISION, DID HE CUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
17 UNIT, DID HE CUT THE ELDER ABUSE PROGRAM, OR WAS THAT YOUR  
18 DECISION?

19

20    **STEVE COOLEY:** FIRST OF ALL, IT HAS NOT BEEN CUT YET, I'M JUST  
21 GIVING --

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THE PROPOSED CUT?

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25    **STEVE COOLEY:** I'M GIVING -- THEY'RE PROPOSED CUTS, THEY ARE --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU PROPOSING IT OR IS HE PROPOSING IT,  
3 I'M NOT CLEAR? I MEAN IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S PROPOSING ALL THESE  
4 CUTS.

5

6 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL AS I SAY I WOULDN'T HAVE TO -- I WOULDN'T  
7 HAVE TO BE SORTING OUT THE PRIORITIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IF  
8 WE WEREN'T SUFFERING THE FINANCIAL CUT THAT HE IS PROPOSING.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, SO HE'S PROPOSING THE FINANCIAL CUT.  
11 YOU'VE DECIDED THAT IF IT GOES THROUGH, THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD  
12 CUT.

13

14 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, AMONG OTHER THINGS. AS YOU -- AS I  
15 INDICATED, IT'D BE ACROSS THE BOARD, IT WOULD BE LINE  
16 OPERATIONS AS WELL AS SOME SPECIALIZED UNITS. WHETHER THEY'LL  
17 BE WIPE OUT ENTIRELY OR JUST REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY REMAINS TO  
18 BE SEEN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, BUT I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR  
21 THAT HE WASN'T TELLING YOU WHAT TO CUT.

22

23 **STEVE COOLEY:** OH, NO.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S TELLING YOU WHAT YOUR DOLLAR FIGURE IS  
2   GOING TO BE AND LET -- LEAVES IT TO YOUR DISCRETION AS TO HOW  
3   YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITHIN THE REMAINDER.

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5   **STEVE COOLEY:** EXACTLY, THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT, AND BY THE SAME  
6   TOKEN, TO THE EXTENT WE'D WANT YOU TO OVERRIDE HIS  
7   RECOMMENDATION TO CUT, THAT I NEED TO GO THROUGH THAT PAINFUL  
8   EXERCISE OF CUTTING OUT THINGS THAT I KNOW ARE VALUABLE TO  
9   YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. BUT  
12   THESE ARE THINGS THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED THAT YOU WOULD CUT AND  
13   THESE ARE POSITIONS THAT YOU WOULD CUT, FOR INSTANCE --

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15   **STEVE COOLEY:** THEY ARE DEFINITELY ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE  
16   CONSEQUENCES OF THIS CUT ON TOP OF LAST YEAR'S CUT.

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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20   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I MAKE JUST A CLOSING  
21   COMMENT?

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T WANT ANYONE LISTENING TO BE LEFT WITH  
2 THE IDEA THAT THE BOARD DOESN'T CARE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT  
3 IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS'  
4 BUDGET IS ACTUALLY INCREASING FROM \$117 MILLION TO \$122  
5 MILLION, OR A \$4.6 MILLION INCREASE. WE ADDED \$2.1 MILLION FOR  
6 COST OF SALARY INCREASES, 2 MILLION FOR THE COST OF RAMPART,  
7 AND 3.8 MILLION TO BACKFILL PROP 172 REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN  
8 LOST AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMY, AND YOUR BOARD, IN FACT, HAS  
9 BACKFILLED THE REVENUE LOSS IN BOTH THE SHERIFF AND THE  
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. YOU THEN NET OUT OF  
11 THAT THE 3.6 MILLION THAT WE ARE PROPOSING THAT HE REDUCE FROM  
12 HIS DEPARTMENT. NOW COUNTY BUDGETING IS OBVIOUSLY VERY  
13 COMPLICATED. ALL I'M SAYING IS HIS PROBLEM WOULD HAVE BEEN  
14 SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE, ANOTHER \$7.9 MILLION ON TOP OF THIS, IF  
15 WE HAD NOT PUT THAT MUCH GENERAL FUND IN HIS BUDGET. I TALKED  
16 PREVIOUSLY ABOUT THE SALARY SAVINGS ISSUE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT  
17 IT EXISTS, WE WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT LONG-TERM. I  
18 THINK THAT'S A MUTUAL GOAL OF OURS TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT, BUT  
19 THE PUBLIC SHOULDN'T BE LEFT WITH THE IDEA THAT THE BOARD HAS  
20 NOT BEEN AND DOESN'T CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF PUBLIC  
21 SAFETY.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME -- ON THAT POINT, YOU SAID THE BUDGET  
24 IS INCREASING BY, WHAT, 2 MILLION? \$4.7 MILLION?



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1    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH OF THAT IS IN SALARY INCREASES?

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5    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 2.1 MILLION IS A FULL-YEAR COST OF THE LAST  
6    INCREASE, WHICH WAS OCTOBER, AND THERE ARE NO FURTHER  
7    INCREASES SCHEDULED.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU ALSO HAVE THE STEP INCREASES THAT ARE  
10    PART OF THAT EQUATION.

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12    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE --

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14    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE NOT ALL ON STEP 5.

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16    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON STEP INCREASES, NO WE BUDGETED TOP STEP, SO  
17    THAT TAKES CARE OF THE STEPS INCREASES.

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19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, I MEAN, THAT'S WHEN THE BUDGET S GOING  
20    UP, YOU HAVE STEP INCREASES AND YOU HAVE --

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22    **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RETIREE HEALTH INCREASES, WORKERS' COMP  
23    INCREASES.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, RIGHT, SO IT'S NOT THAT HE IS ADDING  
2   NEW PERSONNEL.

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4   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, THAT'S -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE'S GOING  
5   TO ELIMINATE 39 POSITIONS.

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, SO I MEAN WHEN WE SAY THE BUDGET S  
8   GOING UP, THAT DOESN'T MEAN NEW BODIES ARE COMING IN TO  
9   PROSECUTE, AND THAT'S A, I THINK A FALSE MESSAGE WHEN YOU SAY  
10   HIS BUDGET S GOING UP, THEREFORE THERE'S NO PROBLEM. THERE'S A  
11   HELL OF A PROBLEM BECAUSE THOSE BUDGET INCREASES ARE A RESULT  
12   OF INCREASES THAT ARE NOT INCREASING PERSONNEL BUT ARE  
13   INCREASING SALARY AND BENEFITS.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, STEVE, WHAT'S THE NET COUNTY COST NUMBER  
18   FROM YOUR BUDGET THAT'S BEEN REDUCED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF  
19   YEARS?

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21   **STEVE COOLEY:** THE NET COUNTY COST THAT'S BEEN REDUCED?

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23   **SUP. KNABE:** OR BEEN CUT. I MEAN, '02/'03.

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1   **STEVE COOLEY:** IT WAS 4.9 CURRENT YEAR AND PROPOSED 4.6 NEXT  
2   YEAR.

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4   **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?  
7   ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9   **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU.

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11   **BILL MANGEN:** THANK YOU.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE GOT YOU OUT OF HERE BY 11:00. ALL RIGHT,  
14   THERE WAS A PERSON WHO WANTED TO APPEAR ON ITEM 64, HE WAS  
15   STUCK IN TRAFFIC. I'LL MOVE TO RECONSIDER. IS THERE A SECOND?

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17   **SUP ANTONOVICH;** MOVED.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL RECONSIDER ITEM 64  
20   AND WE WILL TAKE THAT UP AT THE TIME WE TAKE UP THE SPECIALS.  
21   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME ALL  
24   OF THE OUTSTANDING NURSES FOR THE YEAR AND CONGRATULATE THEM  
25   FOR A SUCCESSFUL NURSE RECOGNITION WEEK, WHICH WAS HELD FROM



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1 MAY 4TH THROUGH THE 10TH OF MAY, AND THIS IS AN HONOR TO HAVE  
2 YOU HERE, AS YOU WERE ALL NOMINATED BY YOUR OWN PEERS FOR THIS  
3 AWARD. AND WE ARE NOW GOING TO RECOGNIZE 17 OF OUR NURSES FROM  
4 ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FROM THE VALLEY CARE OLIVE  
5 VIEW U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CARE CENTER IS ANN ALIAN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM RANCHO AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION  
8 CENTER IS MIONE GOK CHOY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM CENTRAL HEALTH, SERENA DONG. [ APPLAUSE  
11 ]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM PUBLIC HEALTH IS IDA FREELANDER. [  
14 APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM L.A.C./U.S.C. HEALTHCARE NETWORK OUT-  
17 PATIENT DEPARTMENT IS LOURDES GRANELLES. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS  
20 ELIZABETH GORGONIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES IS  
23 PATRICIA GRUGERRO. [ APPLAUSE ]

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IS

2    MICHELLE KIM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HIGH DESERT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS

5    UNCHALA KIRBY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM VALLEY CARE NORTH HOLLYWOOD HEALTH

8    CENTER IS OMPI KUMATRATONON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE SOUTHWEST AREA, MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
11   CHARLES DREW MEDICAL CENTER IS VERONICA MARBELLA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

14   NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS VANERONDAL ASTERRA. [

15   APPLAUSE ]

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HIGH DESERT AMBULATORY CARE UNIT IN THE

18   ANTELOPE VALLEY IS JENNIFER POPONG GONG. [ APPLAUSE ]

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20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM L.A. COUNTY UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

21   CALIFORNIA, LYDIA THOMPSON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** L.A. COUNTY HEALTH -- FIRE DEPARTMENT IS LYN

24   -- EXCUSE, LOU-ANN UNDERWOOD, LOU-ANN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IS OLIVIA  
2    VASQUEZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM SOUTHWEST AREA HUBERT HUMPHREY  
5    COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER, BEVERLY WHEELER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT THE NURSE  
8    RECOGNITION SCROLL TO KAREN WONCH, CHIEF NURSE OFFICER FOR  
9    RANCHO LOS AMIGOS HOSPITAL. KAREN? [ APPLAUSE ]

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11    **KAREN WONCH:** THANK YOU, EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS  
12    HONOR, FOR ALL OF THE NURSES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOU  
13    KNOW THIS IS A -- THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES AND WE CALL  
14    UPON EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE. WE HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY SOME OF  
15    OUR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE THE  
16    EVERY-DAY HEROES OF THE PATIENTS AND POPULATION THAT WE SERVE  
17    AND WE ARE GLAD TO DO THAT. THESE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES CALL FOR  
18    THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US. WE ARE HERE TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE  
19    AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU  
20    SO MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO SAY A FEW  
23    WORDS.

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1   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL  
2   THE NURSES THAT HAVE BEEN HONORED HERE TODAY, AND IN  
3   PARTICULAR, LOU-ANN UNDERWOOD WHO IS OUR CHIEF NURSE  
4   COORDINATOR, WHO'S MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE FIRE  
5   DEPARTMENT AND IN ORDER FOR US TO TRAIN OUR PARAMEDICS AND OUR  
6   E.M.T.'S TO DELIVER THE BEST MEDICAL CARE POSSIBLE TO THE  
7   CONSTITUENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER POSITIVE  
10  ROLE MODEL AND HERO THAT -- FOR YOUNG AND OLD, AND THAT'S  
11  AARON BAKER, WHO COURAGEOUSLY OVERCAME PARALYSIS AND WAS ABLE  
12  TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON BICYCLE RACE WITH  
13  HIS MOTHER, LIQUITA CONWAY. IN MAY OF 1999 AARON WAS A FIVE  
14  TIME AMATEUR DIRT BIKE CHAMPION WHEN HE WAS SEVERELY INJURED  
15  ON AN 80-FOOT JUMP FROM THE ANAHEIM SUPER CROSS. FOR THE NEXT  
16  TWO YEARS, HE HAD PHYSICAL THERAPY, EXERCISE OF FOUR TO SIX  
17  HOURS DAILY WHICH LED HIM TO WHERE HE COULD NOT ONLY WALK, BUT  
18  IS ABLE TO RIDE A CUSTOM ELECTRIC SCOOTER, OPERATE A PERSONAL  
19  WATERCRAFT, DRIVE A CAR, AND EVEN SNORKEL IN SHORT VALLEY  
20  ALLEY OFF OF HAWAII. HE HAS BEEN -- BEATEN ONE IN A MILLION  
21  ODDS IN RECOVERING FROM HIS PARALYSIS AND COMPETED IN THE 26-  
22  MILE LOS ANGELES MARATHON BICYCLE RACE IN A TANDEM BICYCLE  
23  WITH HIS MOTHER WHO IS HERE WITH HIM TODAY. SO AARON,  
24  CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR INSPIRATION AND COMING BACK. [  
25  APPLAUSE ]



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2     **AARON BAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M HONORED TO BE HERE  
3 TODAY, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT I HAD A  
4 LOT OF FUN DOING, PARTICIPATING IN THE L.A. MARATHON. IT'S A  
5 MAJOR MILESTONE FOR ME ON MY ROAD TO RECOVERY, AND I WOULD  
6 JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THIS, AND MORE  
7 IMPORTANTLY MY FAMILY, MY MOTHER AND MY FATHER, LIQUITA AND  
8 DAN, FOR EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE FOR ME. IF IT WEREN'T FOR  
9 THEM, I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY, SO,  
10 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12     **LIQUITA BAKER:** WHEN YOU'RE TOLD THAT YOUR SON WILL NEVER BE  
13 ABLE TO MOVE ANYTHING FROM THE CHEST DOWN, SOMETHING REALLY  
14 SHIFTS IN YOU. WE NEVER ONCE ACCEPTED THAT. THIS HAS BEEN A  
15 JOURNEY OF LOVE, SUPPORT, AND, MOST OF ALL, HUMAN  
16 DETERMINATION, AND AT THIS POINT, I CAN SAY I WOULDN'T TRADE  
17 IT FOR ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH  
18 FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE RECOGNIZED OUR EFFORTS AND AARON'S  
19 EXTRAORDINARY DETERMINATION. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO RECOGNIZE ONE OF  
22 OUR GREAT PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND  
23 THAT'S EUGENE MOSES OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER. WE  
24 WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE  
25 COMMUNITY AND IN ASSISTING VETERANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A





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1 U.S. NAVY KOREAN WAR VET, EUGENE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN  
2 ASSISTING VETERANS OBTAIN PROPER HEALTHCARE COVERAGE AND IS  
3 CURRENTLY COMMANDER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS 11TH  
4 DISTRICT. A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS  
5 AND MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. AS PUBLISHER AND EDITOR OF  
6 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER, EUGENE INFORMS THE PUBLIC  
7 ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES, AND PROVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE AND  
8 ENLIGHTENING OPINIONS THROUGH THE WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF THIS  
9 NEWSPAPER. THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER'S GOAL IS EXCELLENT  
10 IN JOURNALISM FEATURING LOCAL NEWS CONCERNING ALL ASPECTS OF  
11 LIFE AS IT STANDS FOR FREE ENTERPRISE, FAIRNESS, AND ACCURACY.  
12 IN ADDITION TO THE NEWSPAPER, GENE HAS SERVED AS MAYOR OF  
13 AZUSA FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, SERVED ON THE ADVISORY BOARD  
14 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, AND PRESIDENT  
15 OF THE AZUSA REPUBLICAN CLUB. SO EUGENE IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE  
16 ENDAY AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND WISH HIM CONTINUED  
17 SUCCESS AND A RESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **EUGENE MOSES:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M VERY PROUD TO RECEIVE  
20 THIS AWARD. ALSO, I'M VERY PROUD OF THE SUPERVISORS. THEY  
21 NEVER FORGET THEIR VETERANS AND THAT REALLY, TO ME, IS AN  
22 HONORABLE THING. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE STUDENTS  
25 FROM SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM. HERE THEY'VE



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1 BEEN ABLE TO SEE SOME REAL GOOD ROLE MODELS TODAY FROM OUR  
2 NURSES TO A FOSTER PARENTS, TO A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, FORMER  
3 MAYOR, ALONG WITH A YOUNG MAN WHO OVERCAME A PARALYSIS. SO  
4 THIS MORNING, WE RECOGNIZE THE SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL  
5 SOCCER TEAM WHICH JUST WON ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE  
6 INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP. THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS  
7 FINISHED THE SEASON 26-5-1 AND WERE DECLARED THE SOUTHERN  
8 SECTION DIVISION TWO CO-CHAMPIONS AS THEY ENDED THE  
9 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIED WITH IRVINE WOODBRIDGE. THIS IS THE  
10 THIRD SOCCER TITLE FOR SAINT FRANCIS, MAKING IT ONE OF 17  
11 PROGRAMS IN THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION 40-YEAR  
12 CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY TO WIN AT LEAST THREE CROWNS. NOW WE  
13 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE FIRST THEIR COACH, GLEN APELS, EXCUSE  
14 ME, GLEN APPELS, HEAD COACH, HOW ARE YOU? [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY A FEW WORDS, OKAY CHRIS MUIR, THE COACH.  
17 [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ERIC JOHNSON, COACH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CLARK SANCHEZ-FIGUERAS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JARED IZUMI. [ APPLAUSE ]

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHRIS HERTZ. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JEFF FAWCETT. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRIAN GROSSHANS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRANDEN IZUMI. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GABE NORRIS. [ APPLAUSE ].

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PATRICK CONWAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUSTIN YASUTAKE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COLLIN DUNNER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DANIEL CALDWELL. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JASON ROYAL -- ROEL? [ APPLAUSE ]

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRIAN SANTOS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STEVE ULLOM. [ APPLAUSE ]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JEFF BUDDENJOHN -- BUDDENBOHN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALFONSO BERUMEN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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3     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ETHAN MCCREARY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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5     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GABE PEREZ. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FOR THE SCHOOL, LET ME GIVE THIS TO THE  
8     HEAD COACH, WHO WILL THEN SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THIS IS FOR THE  
9     SCHOOL, A PROCLAMATION, CONGRATULATIONS.

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11     **GLEN APPELS:** WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, WE APPRECIATE THE  
12     SUPERVISORS HAVING US HERE, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
13     WHO'S RECOGNIZED US OVER THE YEARS THROUGH ACADEMIC AWARDS AND  
14     A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE GONE ON AT THE SCHOOL SUCH ARE  
15     ACADEMIC AND THE DECATHLON TEAM, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING  
16     HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO. SO WE REALLY WANTED TO THANK YOU, WE  
17     REALIZE WE'RE IN SOME HIGH COMPANY TODAY WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
18     HELPED CHANGE THE COMMUNITY AND WE'RE HOPING THAT THE BOYS  
19     BEHIND US TAKE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE AND TRY TO MAKE A POSITIVE  
20     CONTRIBUTION WHEN THEY FINISH OUT OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL. THANK  
21     YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHILE THEY'RE TAKING THAT PHOTO, WE'RE  
24     RUNNING SO FAR BEHIND, WE ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE TO CALL --

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE SOME VERY PATIENT  
2   INDIVIDUALS HERE WITH US TODAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL THE LINCOLN  
3   ODELL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB OF LONG BEACH  
4   AND RICHARD BENNET, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF THE CALIFORNIA  
5   LIONS CLUB FORWARD. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ESTIMATES  
6   THAT THE EYESIGHT OF ONE-FOURTH OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION CAN  
7   BE IMPROVED THROUGH THE USE OF CORRECTIVE LENSES. HOWEVER MANY  
8   -- FOR MANY, A PAIR OF GLASSES IS JUST UNAFFORDABLE AND  
9   INACCESSIBLE. FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS, INDIVIDUAL LIONS CLUBS  
10  THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE COLLECT -- USED EYEGLASSES FOR  
11  DISTRIBUTION TO THE NEEDY AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. IN THE  
12  FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002 THE LIONS CLUB DISTRIBUTED EYEGLASSES TO  
13  MORE THAN THREE MILLION PEOPLE. EACH YEAR DURING THE MONTH OF  
14  MAY, THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB JOINS ITS SISTER CLUBS IN  
15  COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES, RECYCLING THEM, CLEANED, SORTED BY  
16  PRESCRIPTION, PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY LIONS AND OTHER  
17  GROUPS. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD,  
18  IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB OF LONG  
19  BEACH AND TO THEIR GOVERNOR IN CELEBRATION OF "RECYCLE FOR  
20  SIGHT" MONTH 2003 TO THE DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH LIONS CLUB.  
21  CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]  
22  
23  **LINCOLN ODELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR MOTTO IS "WE SERVE,"  
24  AND MY MOTTO FOR THE YEAR IS, "SERVING CHEERFULLY." THANK YOU.  
25  RICHARD?



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2     **RICHARD BENNET:** ON BEHALF OF THE LIONS OF 190 COUNTRIES IN  
3 THE WORLD, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR. [  
4 APPLAUSE ]

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6     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU GOING TO DO THE PET NOW, OR -- I  
7 HAVE JUST ONE HERE YES. IN ATTENDANCE TODAY, WE HAVE SOME OF  
8 THE FOUNDING BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
9 NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM FOUNDATION,  
10 AND IT'S BEING LED BY MR. DESMOND BLACKBURN, VICE PRESIDENT OF  
11 PROGRAM OF THE ORGANIZATION. AS I UNDERSTAND, YOU ALL ARE ONLY  
12 EIGHT DAYS AWAY FROM YOUR LAUNCHING CEREMONY RIGHT HERE IN THE  
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND EXPECT 500 PEOPLE TO ATTEND, OR EVEN  
14 MORE, AS YOU SET OUT TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
15 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ASPIRE TO LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
16 SECTORS. IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR, YOU HAVE GAINED NATIONAL AND  
17 INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION WITH YOUR EFFORT AND, IN SO DOING,  
18 HAVE ATTRACTED NATIONAL FIGURES INCLUDING REVEREND JESSE  
19 JACKSON, THE PRESIDENT OF RAINBOW COALITION, SEVERAL  
20 INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS AND CORPORATE EXECUTIVES  
21 FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY, OF WHICH SOME ARE CONFIRMED TO JOIN  
22 YOU AT YOUR LAUNCHING CEREMONY MAY 28TH AT THE CITY CLUB ON  
23 BUNKER HILL. AS YOU SET OUT TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL AND  
24 PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS  
25 ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, I THINK IT'S VERY NOTEWORTHY THAT YOUR





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1 BOARD REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY THAT THE ORGANIZATION ULTIMATELY  
2 AIMS TO CONSISTENTLY NURTURE IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR.  
3 IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION IS CLEARLY COMPRISED OF  
4 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTING NOTABLE ACADEMIC  
5 INSTITUTIONS, CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
6 ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES WITH STRATEGICALLY POSITION  
7 ORGANIZATION TO ACCESS AN ARRAY OF RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS IN  
8 THESE VARIOUS FIELDS. I COMMEND YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
9 SUPPORTING YOUR EFFORTS AND WISH YOU MANY SUCCESSES, NOT ONLY  
10 HERE, BUT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUT THROUGHOUT THE  
11 NATION WITH THIS UNPRECEDENTED ORGANIZATION AND TO MR.  
12 BLACKBURN, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE SAY A WORD?

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16 **DESMOND BLACKBURN:** OKAY, AT THIS TIME, I JUST WANT TO JUST  
17 TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO THANK SUPERVISOR YVONNE  
18 BRAITHWAITE BURKE WHO ABSOLUTELY -- WHO IN CASE SHE HASN'T --  
19 IS NOT AWARE, IS ACTUALLY THE ACTUAL INSPIRATION BEHIND THIS.  
20 THIS ORGANIZATION IS ASPIRING, ASPIRING, AS A MATTER OF FACT,  
21 JASON SEWARD, THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, WHO IS ALSO A STAFF  
22 MEMBER, ALSO WITH YOU AS WELL. THIS WAS HIS IDEA. THIS WAS HIS  
23 VISION. AND -- IN FACT, WE ARE ALSO VERY PROUD OF HIM AND ALSO  
24 BRINGING US ON BOARD FOR THIS RIDE THAT I'M CALLING IT. WE'RE  
25 ACTUALLY -- WE'LL BECOME A SERVICE THAT'LL PROVIDE MEN AND



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1 WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 TO 35 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN  
2 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, CORPORATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND JUST  
3 REGULAR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS WELL, TO HAVE A PLACE TO WHERE THEY  
4 CAN MARRY THE ITEMS THAT THEY LEARN IN THE CLASSROOM TO WHAT  
5 THEY CAN LEARN IN THE PRACTICAL WORK ROOM ENVIRONMENT, AND  
6 THIS I CALL THE L.A. DREAM TEAM. YES, COME ON UP AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D ASK EVERYBODY, AS YOU WALK PAST --

9

10 **DESMOND BLACKBURN:** AS WELL THEY ALSO -- LET EVERYBODY  
11 INTRODUCE THEMSELVES BECAUSE WE'VE LITERALLY AN L.A. DREAM  
12 TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PARTNERING ON THIS AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE TRYING TO GET A BIG PHOTO FIRST AND  
15 THEN WE'LL ASK EVERYONE TO WALK PAST.

16

17 **DESMOND BLACKBURN:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR. YOU'RE THE BOSS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COME ON, LET'S TRY AND GET A PHOTO, CAN WE  
20 GET A PHOTO OF JUST ONE? OKAY. WELL WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO'S  
21 TALL -- [ MIXED VOICES ]

22

23 **SHARON TURNER HARVEY:** SHARON TURNER HARVEY, SHELL OIL COMPANY,  
24 THE LOS ANGELES SHELL YOUTH TRAINING COMPANY.

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1   **MARK CHUN:** MARK CHUN, U.S.C. NATIONAL BOARD, MARSHALL'S SCHOOL  
2   OF BUSINESS.

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4   **NIKKI CARLSON:** NIKKI CARLSON WITH THE LAW FIRM OF WEST AND  
5   BENCHU.

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7   **GRACE CANOI:** GRACE CANOI, I'M THE BOARD SECRETARY AND I'M FROM  
8   -- I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE OF  
9   LOS ANGELES.

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11   **LAVERNE DAVIS:** LAVERNE DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
12   FOURTH HORIZON.

13

14   **JOHN DAVIS:** I'M JOHN DAVIS, FIELD PRODUCER WITH ACCESS  
15   HOLLYWOOD AT NBC. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17   **CORY REDMAN:** CORY REDMAN, REDMAN ENTERPRISES AND CHAIRMAN OF  
18   BEVERLY HILLS GLOBAL.

19

20   **KEITH COLEMAN:** KEITH COLEMAN, PRINCIPAL WITH FIGERO MEDIA  
21   GROUP.

22

23   **KEITH PARKER:** KEITH PARKER, ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR,  
24   GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT U.C.L.A. GO BRUINS! [  
25   LAUGHTER ]



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2 **JANET CURRY ELLIS:** JANET CURRY ELLIS, BOWMAN CURRY PUBLIC  
3 RELATIONS C.E.O.

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5 **LARRY ALQUIS:** LARRY ALQUIS, CITY CLUB ON BUNKER HILL.

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7 **VUSENTA CHING:** VUSENTA CHING PARAMOUNT PICTURES.

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9 **SANTI SABOCOR:** SANTI SABOCOR OF SABOCOR MARGLAN CERTIFIED  
10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

11

12 **MISHAIL ISRAEL:** MISHAIL ISRAEL, CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. GLOBAL  
13 TRANSLOGIC.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [  
16 APPLAUSE ] .

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE WANT TO COMMEND JASON FOR BRINGING  
19 TOGETHER THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PEOPLE AND IT'S A VERY  
20 WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO  
23 RECOGNIZE TWO OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHOSE GENEROSITY HAS  
24 MEANT SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY. MICHAEL LEE AND  
25 LEON KATZ OF CINGULAR WIRELESS P.C.S. STATION, ROSE TO THE



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1 OCCASION LAST HOLIDAY SEASON AND DONATED 1,000 PAIRS OF  
2 ATHLETIC SHOES TO THE LESS FORTUNATE OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
3 RESIDENTS. THE ATHLETIC SHOES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS  
4 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND FAMILIES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF LOS  
5 ANGELES COUNTY. NO DOUBT THESE ATHLETIC SHOES ARE GIFTS THAT  
6 HAVE LONG SURPASSED THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND CONTINUE TO BE A  
7 BENEFIT FOR THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO RECEIVED THEM. WE  
8 TRULY APPRECIATE THEIR COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AND OVERWHELMING  
9 GENEROSITY AND HELPING US HAVE AN ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON. SO  
10 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT  
11 YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION. ONE THOUSAND PAIRS OF SHOES,  
12 AND THERE WERE A LOT OF SMILING FACES. CONGRATULATIONS. [  
13 APPLAUSE ]

14

15 **LEON KATZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE HONORED TO ACCEPT THIS  
16 SCROLL OF RECOMMENDATION ON BEHALF OF CINGULAR WIRELESS. OUR  
17 GOALS -- ONE OF OUR GOALS ALWAYS HAS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE  
18 TO CONTRIBUTE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. AND WORKING WITH THE  
19 PEOPLE HERE HAS MADE THAT SEAMLESS AND EXTREMELY EASY. THE  
20 GRATITUDE THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE KIDS WHEN THEY RECEIVE  
21 THEIR FREE SHOES MADE UP FOR EVERYTHING THAT WE DID. THANK YOU  
22 ONCE AGAIN. WE APPRECIATE IT. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE -- MADAM CHAIR, NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEKS  
2    GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
3    AN OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
4    PAUL MELILLO, A CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT IN THE FLOOD  
5    MAINTENANCE DIVISION AND A 28 YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE, HAS BEEN  
6    NAMED THE DEPARTMENT'S 2003 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. PAUL  
7    EXEMPLIFIES THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO  
8    PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY.  
9    HE CONSISTENTLY STRIVES TO ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S  
10   PRODUCTIVITY AND SERVICE. HIS EXPERTISE AND PROACTIVE EFFORTS  
11   IN PROVIDING FLOOD PROTECTIONS TO OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE  
12   BEEN A CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THE DEPARTMENT. PAUL IS  
13   RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEARING OF OVER 60 FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL  
14   REACHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEFORE EACH STORM SEASON. HIS  
15   EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS ENSURE THAT THE REACHES ARE CLEARED IN  
16   RECORD TIME IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PERMITS IN ORDER TO  
17   SAFEGUARD NATURAL HABITAT AND WITH MINIMAL LOCAL IMPACT TO  
18   RESIDENTS. BY RAISING THE BAR FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR HIM, PAUL  
19   IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WITH HIGHLY  
20   EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL MORALS AND WORK ETHICS. SO WE'RE  
21   PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO PAUL AND TO SAY THANK YOU  
22   FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS AS BEING THE 2003  
23   EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. [  
24   APPLAUSE    ]

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1   **JIM NOYES, DIR., DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:** PAUL, ON BEHALF OF ALL  
2   THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DEPARTMENT, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE  
3   YOU. THIS IS A WELL-DESERVED AWARD. PAUL HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT  
4   EMPLOYEE FOR 28 YEARS, AND WE WISH YOU WELL. THANK YOU, PAUL.

5

6   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, PAUL, YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT HUH?  
7   ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS, PAUL. THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL  
8   DONE.

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL REPRESENTATIVES OF BREATH  
11   FORWARD. BREATH IS THE CALIFORNIA SMOKE-FREE BARS, WORKPLACE,  
12   AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, A STATEWIDE PROJECT OF THE AMERICAN  
13   LUNG ASSOCIATION OF EAST BAY. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BREATH  
14   ARE HERE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS THE  
15   CALIFORNIA SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE.

16

17   **DIANNE KAISER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY  
18   NAME IS DIANNE KAISER, AND I'M WITH BREATH, THE CALIFORNIA  
19   SMOKE-FREE BARS, WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. IT'S A  
20   PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY WITH CHAIRWOMAN BURKE AND THE  
21   SUPERVISORS. THEY'VE GIVEN OUT SOME GREAT AWARDS AND NOW THEY  
22   GET ONE. AND THIS IS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA SMOKE-  
23   FREE WORKPLACE ACT. IT SEEMS LIKE NOT TOO LONG AGO, THAT  
24   CALIFORNIA BECAME ONE OF -- WELL, ACTUALLY, THE FIRST STATE IN  
25   THE UNITED STATES TO GO A HUNDRED PERCENT SMOKE-FREE IN ALL



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1 WORKPLACES. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT  
2 TODAY, BUT IT'S HAPPENED AND IT'S HAPPENED VERY WELL IN LOS  
3 ANGELES COUNTY. IN FACT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS RECEIVING TODAY  
4 A PLATINUM LUNG AWARD FOR 95% COMPLIANCE OF ALL WORKPLACES IN  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF CITIES AND COUNTIES  
6 WITH A COMPLIANCE RATE OVER 80%, BUT 95% IS SPECTACULAR. SO  
7 FOR THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO SUPERVISOR BURKE THE  
8 PLATINUM LUNG AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION. TO THE  
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HIGHEST EXCELLENCE IN ACHIEVING  
10 SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES GIVEN THIS DAY BY BREATH, THE CALIFORNIA  
11 SMOKE-FREE BARS, WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM 2003.  
12 CONGRATULATIONS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **DIANNE KAISER:** IT'S OUR PLEASURE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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18 **DIANNE KAISER:** AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT PINS. THESE  
19 ARE LAPEL PINS TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
20 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY,  
21 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, AND THEN  
22 THE HEALTH DEPUTIES OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND THEY INCLUDE BOBBY  
23 JOHNSON, PAT MILLER, RON HANSON, CAROL KIM, RICHARD ESPINOSA,  
24 AND RESSI ROMAN. THINGS DON'T HAPPEN BY THEMSELVES, THERE ARE  
25 PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY HELP IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO IMPLEMENT LAWS,



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS, AND WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
2 STANDING BEHIND ME TODAY, AND THEY ARE THOMAS GARTHWAITE,  
3 M.D., DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER;  
4 JONATHAN FIELDING, M.D., M.P.H., DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
5 HEALTH OFFICER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY; JOHN SCHUNHOFF, PH.D.,  
6 PUBLIC HEALTH, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS; MARK SIMON, M.D., M.P.H.,  
7 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, MARK  
8 WEBBER, PH.D., CHIEF EPIDEMIOLOGIST; DEANNE BAGWELL, DIRECTOR  
9 OF THE TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM; MAUREEN VALENTINE, WHO ALSO  
10 WORKS FOR TOBACCO CONTROL; AND FROM ANOTHER CITY WHO RECEIVED  
11 A PLATINUM LUNG AWARD LAST WEEK, WE HAVE CORPORAL KELLY  
12 GORDON. SO EACH OF THESE PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE A LAPEL PIN FOR  
13 THEIR EFFORTS AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARCIA.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE DACHSHUND MIX. IT'S A --  
22 THIS LITTLE DACHSHUND IS BIG ON THE MIX. IT'S THREE YEARS OLD.  
23 HER NAME IS LILY AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A NICE HOME. IF  
24 ANYBODY'S WATCHING ON TELEVISION YOU CAN CALL AREA CODE 562--  
25 HI LILY, --728-4644 AND LITTLE LILY CAN BE YOURS. SO ANYBODY



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1 WOULD LIKE LITTLE LILY, SHE'S THREE YEARS OLD, LOOKING FOR A  
2 HOME.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ARE THERE ANY OTHER -- SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I DON'T THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD  
10 ANY. ALL RIGHT. FOR SPECIALS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP  
11 FIRST. ISN'T HE UP FIRST, HIS DISTRICT, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME MAKE SOME ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. FIRST,  
14 RUTH D'ANGELO WAKACHETTA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE  
15 WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE ITALIAN WOMEN'S CLUB FOR 53 YEARS,  
16 DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY, ALSO INVOLVED IN THE REPUBLICAN  
17 WOMEN'S CLUB. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE DAUGHTERS.  
18 PHYLLIS EDITH BEALL OF PASADENA, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE  
19 COMMUNITY, MOTHER OF BARBARA MURRAY AND BETTY WEBSTER. ONE OF  
20 THE GREAT MUSICIANS AND WIFE OF JOHNNY CASH, JUNE CARTER CASH,  
21 HER -- SHE WAS A SINGER/SONGWRITER, CAME FROM A GREAT FAMILY  
22 OF MUSICIANS, WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE 73 THIS  
23 PAST WEEK. HIAWATHA THOMSON ESTES, WHO WAS A CHICKASAW INDIAN  
24 NATION MEMBER AND LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE, PASSED  
25 AWAY AT AGE 85, HE WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF



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1 OKLAHOMA WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE REGION'S ALUMNI AWARD.  
2 DURING WORLD WAR TWO, HE WAS A CAPTAIN WITH THE AIR FORCE 37TH  
3 FIGHTER SQUADRON, AND AFTER THE WAR, HE FOUNDED THE  
4 ARCHITECTURAL HOUSE AND PLAN BUSINESS, NATIONWIDE PLAN BOOK  
5 WHICH LATER BECAME HIAWATHA ESTES AND ASSOCIATES. HE LEAVES  
6 BEHIND HIS TWO SONS, GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY FRIENDS. ROSE  
7 MARIE NESSIE, WHO OWNED THE HIGHLAND PARK GROCERY STORE FOR  
8 NEARLY 50 YEARS WITH HER HUSBAND BEFORE TURNING IT INTO AN  
9 OUTLET SELLING OUT OF DATE, HARD-TO-FIND FOODS, PASSED AWAY AT  
10 AGE 90. RICHARD ANTHONY ROGGUS, WHO WAS AN EDUCATOR,  
11 ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR 40 YEARS WITH THE  
12 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. ALSO QUITE ACTIVE IN THE  
13 CROATIAN COMMUNITY, WAS A NAVAL FIGHTER PILOT DURING WORLD WAR  
14 TWO, AND A DEVOUT FAMILY MAN. DONNA HAY SCHULTZ, A LONG-TIME  
15 RESIDENT OF GLENDALE AND PASADENA, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 10TH.  
16 SHE WAS 67. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE CHORALE GROUPS,  
17 INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE, SHE WAS ALSO ACTIVE  
18 IN MANY PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS, INCLUDING OAK MOCK LEE, HAD BEEN  
19 A BOARD MEMBER OF L.A. MASTERS' CHORALE FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS  
20 AND SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER LOVING HUSBAND DAVID, GOOD FRIENDS  
21 AND MANY OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS. AND ROBERT STACK, WHO PASSED  
22 AWAY THIS WEEK AS WELL AT THE AGE OF 84. I ATTENDED THE DINNER  
23 WITH ROBERT STACK ON I BELIEVE IT WAS SATURDAY WHEN THEY WERE  
24 HONORING JOHNNY GRANT AT HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY, AND THAT WAS THE  
25 LAST PUBLIC EVENT THAT ROBERT AND HIS WIFE, ROSEMARY -- ROSE



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1 MARIE, ATTENDED, AND I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY.  
2 AND MR. JANSSEN, ON THE PRESS REPORT TODAY IS THAT LOCAL  
3 GOVERNMENTS ARE REIMBURSED FOR POSTING BROWN NOTICES, BROWN  
4 ACT NOTICES. HOW MUCH ARE WE REIMBURSED?

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE  
7 AUDITOR ON THAT. THE FIGURE IN THE PAPER WAS 22 MILLION  
8 STATEWIDE, I THINK. THE ARTICLE IS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S MAY  
9 REVISE. HE'S PROPOSING TO SUSPEND AND/OR REPEAL 34 MANDATES AS  
10 A WAY TO CUT THEIR OBLIGATION TO REIMBURSE US FOR MANDATES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE ACTUALLY SENT IN A -- ANY TIME --

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO YOU -- YOU CHARGE A PERSON WHO PASTES  
17 A FLIER ON THEIR FRONT DOOR?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. I'M -- I'M SURE IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN  
20 THAT, BUT I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE AUDITOR, WHO FILES THE SB-90  
21 CLAIMS EXACTLY WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THAT AND HOW MUCH WE HAVE  
22 BEEN RECEIVING FROM THE STATE. BUT WE WILL HAVE -- WOULD HAVE  
23 BEEN RECEIVING EXCEPT THEY STOPPED PAYING, SB-90  
24 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MANY OF THOSE PROGRAMS THAT HE'S CUTTING,  
25 OR PROPOSING TO SUSPEND, INCLUDING THAT.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF ALL THE ISSUES THEY SHOULD REIMBURSE US  
3 FOR, HAVING US POST THE NOTICE AND GET REIMBURSED FOR IT SEEMS  
4 A LITTLE SCREWY.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IT'S AMAZING THAT THEY'RE REIMBURSING US  
7 AT ALL, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT THE LAW REQUIRES THEM TO REIMBURSE US A  
12 LOT MORE THAN THEY HAVE BEEN, SO THE FACT THAT THEY'VE BEEN  
13 DOING IT AT ALL IS REMARKABLE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, AND THERE ARE AREAS WHERE THEY OUGHT  
16 TO BE REIMBURSING US AND THEY DON'T.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND THEY'RE NOT, THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH IS A LEGITIMATE REIMBURSEMENT ISSUE,  
21 THAT'S WHAT I FIND QUITE INTERESTING. YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED  
22 FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION THE REPORT FROM -- AND IT  
23 WAS FROM LARRY ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 COMMISSION TO DR. FIELDING ON THE COUNTY TASKFORCE ON  
25 OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY AS IT RELATES TO DIABETES AND CANCER,



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1 AND IN HIS LETTER, WHICH HE SENT TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS,  
2 THEY'RE ASKING THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, THEY'RE  
3 RECOMMENDING THAT A COMMISSION BE CREATED. THEY STATE THAT  
4 RECENT STUDIES INDICATE THERE'S A NEW EPIDEMIC OF OVERWEIGHT  
5 AND OBESITY IN THE COUNTRY. MOST OF THESE STUDIES DETERMINE  
6 THAT OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY ACCOUNT FOR 20% OF ALL CANCER  
7 DEATHS IN WOMEN AND 14% IN MEN IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THE  
8 YEAR 2000, ABOUT 65% OF U.S. ADULTS WERE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE,  
9 ACCORDING TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION,  
10 31% WERE OBESE. OBESITY AND INACTIVITY OFTEN CONTRIBUTE TO  
11 DIABETES. A RECENT REPORT INDICATES THAT ONE IN 16 CALIFORNIA  
12 ADULTS, 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE HAS DIABETES, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY  
13 BY THE U.C.L.A. CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY. TO ADDRESS THE  
14 PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
15 RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF A TASKFORCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE  
16 OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY, THE TASKFORCE SHOULD INCLUDE THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF AS WELL AS  
18 REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING  
19 NURSES AND NUTRITIONISTS AND THE COMMISSION, THEY SAY, WILL BE  
20 PLEASED TO ASSIST IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY, SO I'D LIKE TO PUT THIS  
21 ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK AS A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE  
22 COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION'S REQUEST ON THIS  
23 COMMISSION.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE -- LET'S SEE, ISSUE NUMBER 47 --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A COUPLE PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. ED  
5 MARZEC WAS ONE -- THE PERSON WHO HELD THAT, AND WE WOULD ALSO  
6 LIKE TO ASK JOHN NICKERSON AND KATHERYN SHEFFIELD TO COME  
7 FORWARD. DON ANDERSON. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

8

9 **DON ANDERSON:** ANDERSON.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU PUT IN A CARD FOR THIS ITEM?

12

13 **DON ANDERSON:** YES, I DID.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ADD YOU TO THE NAMES. JUST  
16 WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAVE A SEAT RIGHT THERE IF YOU HAVE A CARD.  
17 JUST -- WELL THERE ARE GOING TO BE ANOTHER SET OF PEOPLE COME  
18 UP. ALL RIGHT. YES. MR. MARZEC. PLEASE, STATE YOUR NAME,  
19 PLEASE.

20

21 **ED MARZEC:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, I'M ED MARZEC, I  
22 REPRESENT CONTINENTAL CURRENCY. CONTINENTAL CURRENCY IS ONE OF  
23 THE CURRENT OPERATORS OF THE CASH DISTRIBUTION FOR THE FAIR  
24 PROGRAM, AND IT IS, AS YOU KNOW, THE ITEM NUMBER IS GOING TO  
25 PROPOSE A CHANGE IN THAT PROCESS. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT OPPOSE



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1 CHANGE FOR GOOD AND CERTAINLY WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO  
2 PROGRESSIVE ACTIONS. HOWEVER, THIS CHANGE MAY BE A LITTLE  
3 PREMATURE AND CERTAINLY DONE WITHOUT PROPER EVALUATION, AND WE  
4 WOULD ONLY ASK THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THAT CERTAIN ITEMS MAY  
5 BE LOOKED AT AND CONSIDERED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE NOW HAVE COVERAGE  
6 AND BY 98 OUTLETS IN THE COUNTY AND THAT WORKS OUT TO HAVE 86%  
7 OF THE RECIPIENTS WITHIN ONE TO THREE MILES OF AN OUTLET. AND  
8 PEOPLE IN THE INNER CITY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME TRAVELING, AND  
9 SO THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR. I BELIEVE IT'S EVEN HIGHER  
10 IN YOUR DISTRICT, MADAM CHAIR. THE OTHER ISSUE IS SECURITY.  
11 CURRENTLY, THE 98 OUTLETS THAT ARE USED HAVE A REQUIREMENT BY  
12 THE COUNTY THAT THEY HAVE VIDEO CAMERAS, THAT THEY HAVE  
13 SECURITY GUARDS, AND THAT THERE IS SECURITY FOR THE  
14 RECIPIENTS. UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM, THERE WILL BE NO  
15 REQUIREMENTS TO HAVE SECURITY GUARDS OR OUTSIDE SECURITY, AND  
16 THIS BURDEN WILL FALL UPON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL  
17 POLICE AGENCIES, AND AS WE ALL KNOW, THEY'RE OVERWORKED RIGHT  
18 NOW AND THEIR BUDGETS ARE BEING CUT BACK, AND SO THIS WOULD BE  
19 AN ADDED BURDEN. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE OVER 250,000  
20 CASES GIVING OUT OVER \$100 MILLION EVERY MONTH AND WE HOPE  
21 THAT THE FEW QUESTIONS THAT WE'VE BROUGHT UP WILL BE ADDRESSED  
22 AND THAT IF WE COULD CONTINUE THIS MATTER FOR A WEEK OR TWO OR  
23 SEVERAL WEEKS TO GIVE US TIME TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, IT  
24 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I KNOW THE BOARD HAS UNTIL JUNE 20TH TO



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1 ACT ON THIS MATTER, SO THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME. THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

5

6 **JOHN NICKERSON:** THANK YOU. JOHN NICKERSON WITH CONTINENTAL  
7 CURRENCY. THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WE BELIEVE THAT  
8 YOU SHOULD ASK AS YOU LOOK AT THE CASH ACCESS PLAN THAT'S BEEN  
9 PRESENTED TO YOU. ONE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT OF CASH THAT  
10 THEY'RE SHOWING AVAILABLE TO THE CLIENTS HAS BEEN OVER  
11 INFLATED. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MOM  
12 AND POP LIQUOR STORES, GROCERY STORES THAT HAVE BEEN  
13 IDENTIFIED AS CHECK-CASHING LOCATIONS THAT ARE NOT LICENSED AS  
14 CHECK CASHERS BUT ARE BEING SHOWN IN THE PLAN TO REFLECT A  
15 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CASH. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE  
16 LISTED AS A GROCERY STORE, BUT IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE  
17 LISTED IN THE CASH ACCESS PLAN AS A CHECK-CASHING STORE THAT  
18 THEY SHOULD BE LICENSED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND  
19 REGULATED, AS YOU HAVE REQUIRED IN THE PAST. WE ALSO BELIEVE  
20 THAT THE A.T.M. CASH THAT IS BEING REFLECTED IS OVER-INFLATED  
21 BECAUSE THEY MAKE AN ASSUMPTION THAT EACH A.T.M. IS FILLED  
22 WITH CASH EVERY NIGHT, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT A.T.M.S ARE FILLED  
23 WHEN THEY RUN OUT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF YOU REDUCE THE  
24 AMOUNT OF CASH BASED ON WHEN THE A.T.M.S RUN OUT OF CASH, THAT  
25 YOU WOULD HAVE MORE THAN 50,000 CLIENTS THAT WOULD NOT BE ABLE



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1 TO RECEIVE THEIR MONEY. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CASH ACCESS  
2 PLAN THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED, IT DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A  
3 HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE CLIENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY,  
4 WHEN THEY IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM, HAS TO GUARANTEE THAT A HUNDRED  
5 PERCENT OF THE CLIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR CASH. WE  
6 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, WE THINK THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE  
7 ANSWERED BEFORE THE COUNTY APPROVES THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE ASK TOBY  
10 ROTHCHILD AND --

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK HIM  
13 A QUESTION, CAN I DO THAT AT THIS TIME?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU GO ON TO THE NEXT? HOW DOES ONE  
18 GET CASH FROM YOU? FROM ONE OF YOUR FACILITIES?

19

20 **JOHN NICKERSON:** THEY COME IN WITH THEIR FAIR ISSUANCE CARD.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU EVER RUN OUT OF CASH?

23

24 **JOHN NICKERSON:** NO, NEVER.

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1     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEVER?

2

3     **JOHN NICKERSON:** NEVER. IT'S OUR BUSINESS TO HAVE CASH. WE  
4     NEVER RUN OUT OF CASH.

5

6     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, I -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER A.T.M.S  
7     RUN OUT OF CASH OR NOT, BUT I'VE NEVER -- I'VE BEEN USING  
8     A.T.M.S FOR YEARS AND I'VE NEVER ONCE HAD AN A.T.M. THAT  
9     DIDN'T HAVE CASH IN IT.

10

11    **JOHN NICKERSON:** WELL WE'RE NOT -- IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT,  
12    WE'RE NOT ISSUING \$104 MILLION WORTH OF WELFARE BENEFITS IN  
13    THE EXISTING A.T.M.S. THAT'S A LOT OF CASH.

14

15    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU WERE RUNNING THE A.T.M. MACHINES, DO  
16    YOU THINK YOU WOULD ADJUST FOR THAT?

17

18    **JOHN NICKERSON:** I DON'T THINK I CAN ADJUST ENOUGH FOR IT. I  
19    CERTAINLY CAN'T PAY FOR AN ARMORED TRUCK TO DELIVER AND FILL  
20    IT UP WITH CASH EVERY DAY. I COULDN'T AFFORD IT.

21

22    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL YOU PAY -- YOU APPARENTLY PAY FOR AN  
23    ARMORED TRUCK TO FILL YOUR PLACE UP WITH CASH EVERY DAY, YOU  
24    HAVE FEWER LOCATIONS THAN THE A.T.M. LOCATIONS, SO IT'S NOT --



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1 PER LOCATION, IT'S NOT AS MUCH CASH, SO SOMEHOW YOU CAN DO IT.

2 WHY CAN'T THE A.T.M.S DO IT?

3

4 **JOHN NICKERSON:** WELL, IT'S NOT THE A.T.M., IT'S THE A.T.M.

5 OWNER AND THE COST OF IT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH I KNOW IT. THANKS FOR CLARIFYING THAT

8 FOR ME. I MUST HAVE BEEN -- ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL ON

11 KATHLEEN SHEFFIELD, AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK TOBY ROTHCHILD AND

12 HELENE HENDERSON -- HALEEMAH HENDERSON TO COME FORWARD, THEN

13 WE'LL CALL MR. ANDERSON. I DON'T HAVE A CARD FOR HIM YET,

14 BUT...

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16 **SPEAKER:** [ INAUDIBLE ].

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL YOU NEXT.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** [ INAUDIBLE ].

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY.

23

24 **KATHY SHEFFIELD:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KATHY SHEFFIELD AND

25 I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES. I



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1 REPRESENT PEOPLE ON GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, BOTH STATE AND  
2 FEDERAL BENEFITS. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS  
3 ISSUE SERIOUSLY AND FOR -- AND FOR REALLY DOING THE KIND OF  
4 PROPER EVALUATION OF THE CASH ACCESS PLAN AND MAKING SURE THAT  
5 THERE IS ENOUGH CASH AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PLAN SO THAT  
6 RECIPIENTS CAN ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS, AND I ALSO WANT TO URGE  
7 YOU TO APPROVE E.B.T. AND CASH. THIS WILL MARK -- THIS WILL  
8 MAKE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF CALWORKS BENEFITS  
9 AND THE OTHER BENEFITS THAT WILL BE ON E.B.T. PEOPLE WILL BE  
10 ABLE TO ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS AT LOW OR NO COST. THE BIG CHUNK  
11 OF MONEY THAT PEOPLE SPEND CASHING THEIR CHECKS EACH MONTH CAN  
12 BE BETTER SPENT ON ITEMS FOR THEIR FAMILY, AND I ALSO WANT TO  
13 SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SECURITY AND AS YOU DO YOUR PROPER  
14 EVALUATION OF THE PLAN, I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE THAT PEOPLE  
15 CAN ACCESS CASH DURING DAYTIME HOURS, INDOORS, THEY CAN GET  
16 CASH BACK FROM PURCHASES THEY MAKE THAT -- AND I'M SURE YOU'RE  
17 AWARE THAT THE COUNTY IS GIVING VERY GOOD ADVICE TO PEOPLE ON  
18 PERSONAL SAFETY WHEN THEY ACCESS THE CASH, THE SAME KIND OF  
19 ADVICE THAT WE ALL USE WHEN WE ACCESS OUR OWN MONEY THROUGH  
20 A.T.M. MACHINES. AND JUST ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
21 TAKING THIS ISSUE SERIOUSLY AND I WANT TO URGE YOU THAT THIS  
22 WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF BENEFITS. THANK YOU.  
23  
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME,  
25 PLEASE.



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1  
2 **TOBY ROTHCHILD:** YES. MY NAME IS TOBY ROTHCHILD, I'M THE  
3 GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND  
4 CO-CHAIR OF THE COUNTY E.B.T. ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SPEAKING  
5 TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CASH ACCESS WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS A  
6 SUBGROUP OF ADVOCATES WITHIN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT  
7 FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON THE CASH ACCESS PLAN AND THE DECISION  
8 THAT YOU'RE FACING TODAY. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
9 SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPUTIES FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE IN  
10 GETTING US HERE. THE PLAN THAT IS PRESENTED TODAY,  
11 PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS, BUT THROUGHOUT  
12 THE COUNTY, IS SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER THAN IT WAS SIX WEEKS AGO  
13 WHEN WE SAW IT LAST. WE URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS ITEM AND  
14 APPROVE PUTTING CASH BENEFITS ON THE E.B.T. CARD. INSTEAD OF  
15 99 HIGH-COST LOCATIONS FOR ACCESSING BENEFITS, THERE WILL BE  
16 OVER 5,000 LOCATIONS, MANY LOW COST OR FREE, WHERE RECIPIENTS  
17 CAN RECEIVE THEIR BENEFITS. THE PLAN IS VERY GOOD, BUT IT'S  
18 NOT PERFECT, AND THERE'S STILL A HANDFUL OF AREAS THAT ARE NOT  
19 AS GOOD AS THEY SHOULD BE. THERE ARE SURROUNDING AREAS AROUND  
20 THOSE THAT DO HAVE ADEQUATE CASH, EVEN FOR THOSE AREAS, BUT  
21 EVERY PLACE IN THE COUNTY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ENOUGH CASH  
22 AVAILABLE. SO WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE STATE AND  
23 D.P.S.S.'S FEET TO THE FIRE, TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY AREA OF  
24 THE COUNTY MEETS NOT ONLY THE STATE'S CRITERIA, BUT ALSO THE



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1 COUNTY'S MORE RIGOROUS TESTS FOR ADEQUATE ACCESS. THANK YOU  
2 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, HALEEMAH?

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6 **HALEEMAH HENDERSON:** HI MY NAME IS HALEEMAH HENDERSON. I'M AN  
7 ORGANIZER WITH STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY AND ALSO  
8 PART OF THE CASH ACCESS WORKING GROUP WITH AVKITS. AND I  
9 REALLY WANTED TO IMPRESS UPON THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE WORK  
10 WITH BANKS TO GET THEM TO PROVIDE SURCHARGE-FREE ACCESS FOR  
11 E.B.T., AND ALSO TO REALLY HOLD CITIBANK ACCOUNTABLE FOR  
12 PROVIDING BANKING SERVICES THAT WILL SERVE LOW INCOME  
13 COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, AND ALSO WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE  
16 POST OFFICE, TOO, IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN TERMS OF  
17 FACILITIES. IN LOOKING AT MY DISTRICT, I KNOW IN THE PILOT  
18 PROGRAM, THERE ARE TWO LITTLE AREAS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT  
19 ARE IN A ZIP CODE WHERE IT APPEARS IT'S ONLY 69% CASH  
20 AVAILABILITY. HOWEVER, IN JUST ACROSS THE STREET, THAT ZIP  
21 CODE, THERE'S 315% READY, AND IN THE NEXT ONE ON THE OTHER  
22 SIDE, IT'S 200%, SO I MEAN IT'S A MATTER OF THEM GOING TWO  
23 BLOCKS ADDITIONALLY TO GET INTO AN AREA THAT DOES HAVE A HIGH  
24 PERCENTAGE. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT. HOWEVER,  
25 I WILL INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE REQUIRED



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1 THAT THE E.B.T. CASH BENEFIT SYSTEM WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON A  
2 HUNDRED PERCENT AVAILABILITY OF CASH AVAILABILITY WITHIN A  
3 REASONABLE DISTANCE FOR EVERY RECIPIENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE  
4 DEPARTMENT HEAD, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, TO COME FORWARD. THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH. AND TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE  
6 BASICALLY BEEN ASKED AND ABOUT THE CASH AVAILABILITY AND HOW -  
7 - WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO LOOK AT IT AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING IN  
8 TERMS OF OTHER FACILITIES.

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO, DIR., DEPT. OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** MADAM  
11 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, DEPARTMENT OF  
12 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. SOME GOOD POINTS HAVE BEEN MADE TODAY  
13 BY MEMBERS OF THE ADVOCATE GROUP. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE  
14 HAVE GOOD CASH ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR OUR WELFARE  
15 PARTICIPANTS. THE WAY THAT WELFARE BENEFITS ARE GOING TO BE  
16 DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS GOING TO  
17 DRAMATICALLY CHANGE VERY SOON. WE'RE CURRENTLY GIVING OUT FOOD  
18 STAMP COUPONS AT OUR SUPERMARKETS AND THAT IS GOING TO CHANGE  
19 TO THIS NEW BENEFIT DEBIT CARD THAT WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED TO  
20 EACH ONE OF YOU. THIS CARD IS GOING TO AUTOMATICALLY DEBIT THE  
21 FOOD STAMP ACCOUNTS OF OUR PARTICIPANTS SO THAT THERE WILL BE  
22 NO NEED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PAPER FOOD STAMP COUPONS.  
23 ADDITIONALLY, EACH COUNTY WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF ALSO ISSUING  
24 CASH THROUGH THE SAME ELECTRONIC BENEFIT SYSTEM. THE CRITICAL  
25 ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO ISSUE CASH





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1 THROUGH OUR EXISTING 98 CHECK CASHERS OR WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE  
2 GOING TO AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR WELFARE PARTICIPANTS  
3 TO USE OVER 5,400 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, A.T.M.S, AND OTHER  
4 POINT OF SERVICES DEVICES IN ORDER TO ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS.  
5 THERE'S ALSO A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR THE COUNTY TAKING PART  
6 IN THIS NEW SYSTEM WILL SAVE THE COUNTY APPROXIMATELY \$11.5  
7 MILLION IN NET COUNTY COSTS OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS OF  
8 IMPLEMENTATION, AND I WOULD RECOMMEND YOUR ADOPTION OF THE  
9 E.B.T. PLAN AND THE CASH ACCESS BENEFITS FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU SEEN MY AMENDMENT?

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES SUPERVISOR I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH  
16 THAT?

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18 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR I DON'T, I THINK YOUR MOTION --  
19 YOUR AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION I THINK IS WELL-FOUNDED AND IT  
20 WOULD ENSURE THAT WE DO HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE  
21 COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THERE'S CASH, AND  
24 YOU'LL MONITOR THIS TO SEE IF THEY'RE GIVING OUT CASH AT  
25 VARIOUS PLACES. I WOULD THINK THAT BANKS, THEY BRING CASH IN



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1 AND OUT EVERY DAY, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE WOULD BE SUCH A  
2 BIG PROBLEM, BUT LET'S SEE. YOU CAN NEVER TELL. WE NEVER KNOW  
3 HOW THESE THINGS WORK.

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WELL THAT'S -- THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF OUR NOT  
6 GOING FULL FORCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY, BUT RATHER ON A  
7 PILOT BASIS MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID  
10 YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. ANY  
11 OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION? ALL RIGHT. ALL  
12 RIGHT. MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NUMBER 104-B, COULD HAVE CARLOS JACKSON,  
15 DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. THERE WAS A RECENT EXPOSE  
16 ON TRAFFIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THESE ARE  
17 ADMINISTERED BY THE COURTS. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY HOUSING  
18 DEVELOPMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONITORING OF IT. AND IN  
19 THE EXPOSE THEY FOUND PEOPLE PAYING OFF DRIVING SCHOOL  
20 INSTRUCTORS IN LIEU OF TAKING A COURSE REQUIRED BY LAW AND  
21 THEN FIND OUT THAT THERE IS ONLY -- THERE ARE ONLY, WHAT, SIX  
22 PEOPLE WHO WORK HALFTIME, SO THAT MEANS THERE ARE THREE  
23 INSPECTORS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY IS IT THAT AN UNDERCOVER  
24 INVESTIGATION REVEALS WHAT'S TAKING PLACE AND WE ARE UNABLE TO  
25 DO THAT WITH THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE.



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1  
2 **CARLOS JACKSON, EXEC. DIR., COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**  
3 SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO EXPLAIN THE  
4 FRAMEWORK THAT WE WORK -- WE OPERATE UNDER ON BEHALF OF THE  
5 COURT, BECAUSE IN REALITY, IT'S A -- WE'RE AN AGENT OF THE  
6 COURTS TO LOOK AT THIS. PRIOR TO US ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY,  
7 THERE WAS A PERIOD OF TIME THAT SCHOOLS WERE NOT MONITORED. IT  
8 WAS A NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT HAD BEEN FUNDED BY THE -- BY THE  
9 BOARD AND BY THE COURTS ON THIS MATTER. THEY ASKED US IF WE  
10 COULD LOOK AT WAYS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR  
11 PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION A RESIDENTS TO GET EMPLOYED. WE  
12 STARTED DEVELOPING -- WE DEVELOPED A CONTRACT WITH THE COURTS  
13 THAT SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT WE WERE TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC  
14 SCHOOL AND WHICH REALLY MEANT TO LOOK AT THE CLASSROOM  
15 INSTRUCTION, AND BASICALLY AROUND THE ISSUE OF BUILDING -- YOU  
16 KNOW, THE CLASSROOM WAS IT LOCATED AT THE PROPER ADDRESS, ET  
17 CETERA, AS WELL, TO GO INTO THE CLASSROOM AND TO MAKE A  
18 DETERMINATION IF THE CURRICULUM WAS BEING FOLLOWED, WAS THERE  
19 A LICENSED INSTRUCTOR, THOSE KIND OF THINGS. THROUGH THAT  
20 PROCESS, WE WOULD DETECT MAYBE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE  
21 DEFICIENCIES THAT WE ASKED THE -- THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS TO  
22 CORRECT OR IF WE DETECTED SOME KIND OF QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR,  
23 WE WOULD REPORT THAT BACK TO THE COURTS. WE DID NOT HAVE, AND  
24 WE STILL DON'T HAVE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY TO -- LIKE  
25 UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION. THAT HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY DENIED TO



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1 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON THOSE KIND OF MATTERS, THEY'RE  
2 REFERRED TO THE D.M.V., IN SOME CASES TO THE DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY. AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK, IN TALKING WITH JUDGE  
4 DAVIS ATELL, WHO'S THE SUPER -- SUPERVISING JUDGE FOR CENTRAL  
5 TRAFFIC COURT, IT STILL HAS REMAINED HIS POSITION THAT WE ARE  
6 NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO THAT KIND OF INVESTIGATION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS SOMEBODY HERE FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT? IS  
9 THERE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT? COULD WE GET  
10 SOMEBODY --

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I JUST --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO ON, GO ON.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THE SCHOOLS IN QUESTION, ARE THEY STILL OPEN?

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** AS OF TODAY, THE THREE SCHOOLS THAT WERE  
19 IDENTIFIED IN THE NEWS REPORT WERE STILL IN BUSINESS TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION --

22

23 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR, I KNOW THAT THE ISSUE THAT WE COME  
24 -- WE WERE CONFRONTED WITH IS THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO MONITOR  
25 THE SCHOOLS EVERY 90 DAYS, WHICH IS BASICALLY THE CLASSROOM



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1 ENVIRONMENT. WE SHOW UP RANDOMLY INTO THE CLASSROOM, AND WE  
2 HAVE TO IDENTIFY OURSELF TO THE INSTRUCTOR UP-FRONT WHO WE  
3 ARE, AND THEN THEY -- THEY HAVE A CHECKLIST THEY GO THROUGH,  
4 YOU KNOW, AND RECORD THAT EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, WE DON'T DO  
5 ANYTHING BEYOND THAT. NOW, THE FAULT THAT WAS REPORTED, WHICH  
6 I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE, WAS DONE AFTER  
7 THOSE KIND OF EVENTS, THEY'RE -- THEY'RE -- WE'RE NOT THERE TO  
8 DETECT THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DO YOU NOT AGREE THAT YOU OUGHT TO BE?  
11 BECAUSE YOU COULD HAVE A WONDERFUL FACILITY, BUT IF THEY'RE  
12 COMMITTING FRAUD OUT OF THE BACK DOOR, THE INTENT OF THE LAW  
13 IS BEING VIOLATED.

14

15 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE OF ENFORCEMENT IS  
16 SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY AS TO OUR  
17 ABILITY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, IF YOU CAN ONLY CHECK  
20 ON THE FACILITIES AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THE  
21 UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION, THEN WHY DID YOU SEND A LETTER TO  
22 ALL THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS TELLING THEM THAT THERE WAS AN  
23 INVESTIGATION GOING ON?

24



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1 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THE SAME DAY THAT I SENT THE -- I MEAN I  
2 DIDN'T BUT MY STAFF, WHICH I WAS AWARE OF, THAT WE HAD  
3 NOTIFIED THE BOARD ABOUT THE CONVERSATION MY STAFF HAD WITH  
4 THE REPORTER. OUR LETTER TO THE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS WAS JUST A  
5 REAL GENERAL LETTER, NOT REFERENCING ANY TYPE OF --

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO IT WAS -- I READ THE LETTER.

8

9 **CARLOS JACKSON:** OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT HAD SOME SPECIFICS THAT THERE WAS, YOU  
12 KNOW, AN INVESTIGATION GOING ON.

13

14 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NO, SUPERVISOR WE DIDN'T USE --

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU HAVE THE LETTER THERE?

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YEAH, AND I THINK WE WERE GOING TO DISTRIBUTE  
19 IT. WE JUST REFERENCED THAT THERE WAS A -- THAT THERE WAS A  
20 STORY ON THE TRAFFIC SCHOOL INDUSTRY --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN INFORMED BY  
23 CHANNEL 2, KCBS, THAT THERE ARE PLANS TO AIR A STORY ON  
24 TRAFFIC SCHOOLS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA, WE HAVE NOT  
25 BEEN INFORMED OF THE NATURE OR CONTENT OF THIS STORY, AND THE





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1 LETTER WILL ONLY SERVE AS NOTIFICATION TO ALL TRAFFIC SCHOOL  
2 OWNERS THAT CHANNEL 2 WILL BE COVERING THE STORY ON THE  
3 TRAFFIC SCHOOL INDUSTRY, THE H.A.C.O.L.A. ALSO WANTS TO NOTIFY  
4 YOU THAT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT REPORTERS MAY CONTACT YOU OR YOUR  
5 STAFF REGARDING THIS STORY. THIS LETTER IS NOT INTENDED TO  
6 ALARM YOU OR YOUR STAFF IN ANY WAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
7 YOU MAY CALL ME, OR ZSA ZSA SCOTT SUPERVISOR, AND THE NUMBER,  
8 BUT YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE COMING OUT AND GIVING  
9 THEM A PROCLAMATION FOR A GOOD JOB.

10

11 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE INTENT WAS IN GOOD FAITH.  
12 WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DEVELOP AND FOSTER A RELATIONSHIP WITH  
13 THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO GO TO THE COURTS  
16 FIRST AND SAY, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE -- LET'S SAY LOOKING AT  
17 FRAUD, FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES FIRST, INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE  
18 INDIVIDUALS --

19

20 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL YEAH, IN HINDSIGHT I THINK IF WE REDID  
21 THE STEPS WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT BUT AT THIS  
22 PARTICULAR TIME I ONLY CAN SHARE WITH YOU WHAT OUR THINKING  
23 WAS AT THAT TIME THAT IT WAS REALLY WITH GOOD INTENTS JUST TO  
24 LET THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS KNOW THAT THERE WAS A -- CHANNEL 2 WAS  
25 DOING A STORY, THAT WAS THE INTENT, NOT BEYOND THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU KNEW THEY WEREN'T THERE TO SAY WHAT  
3 WONDERFUL FACILITIES AND WHAT A GREAT CURRICULUM YOU'RE GOING  
4 TO EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU BREAK THE LAW AND HAVE TO GO TO TRAFFIC  
5 SCHOOL?

6

7 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK FRED WHAT THE COURTS -- WOULD YOUR  
10 COURT SUPPORT AMENDING A CURRENT CONTRACT WITH HOUSING  
11 AUTHORITY TO ALLOW A MONITORING?

12

13 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL I THINK THIS IS A CONTRACT IN WHICH THE  
14 COUNTY IS A PARTY AS WELL AND THE COUNTY COULD CERTAINLY ASK  
15 FOR THAT. HISTORICALLY -- AND I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS  
16 CONTRACT, NOR IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. BUT IN TRYING TO PROVIDE  
17 SOME INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD, HISTORICALLY THIS  
18 INVESTIGATIVE ROLE IS NOT THE ROLE THAT HAS BEEN PLAYED --  
19 PLACED BY THESE MONITORING AGENCIES BUT HAS BEEN VESTED  
20 INSTEAD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH DOES HAVE  
21 THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. THE STATUTES DO  
22 NOT DEFINE THE TERM MONITORING, AND SO THERE IS SOME ROOM FOR  
23 AMENDING THIS CONTRACT, IF THAT'S WHAT THE BOARD WANTED TO DO,  
24 TO HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF MONITORING DONE BY THESE AGENCIES  
25 WHERE THAT COULD BE DONE WITHOUT IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES. THAT



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1 WOULD REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A FAKE TRAFFIC NUMBER SO THAT  
2 THEY COULD SIGN UP FOR THE SCHOOL AS A NORMAL STUDENT. THAT  
3 HAS NOT HISTORICALLY BEEN DONE BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE  
4 COUNTY OR THE COURT COULD ASK UNDER THE CONTRACT AND PROVIDE  
5 THE FUNDS TO BE DONE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL WHAT STEPS IS THE COURT TAKING TO  
8 ADDRESS THE AREA OF FRAUD?

9

10 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL, HISTORICALLY THE ROLE THAT HAS BEEN PLACED  
11 BY -- PLACED ON THE COURT AND THESE AGENCIES IS TO ENSURE THAT  
12 THE FACILITIES MEET THE FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, THAT  
13 THE CRITERIA MEETS THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. THE  
14 INVESTIGATIVE ROLE HAS BEEN DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
15 VEHICLES, SO THAT'S TO WHERE -- THAT'S WHERE THIS TYPE OF  
16 INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- EACH TICKET GENERATES \$5 FOR  
19 MONITORING THE SCHOOLS. WHAT GOOD IS A MONITORING SYSTEM IF IT  
20 DOES NOT ALSO INCLUDE DETECTION OF FRAUD?

21

22 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S A RULE THE LEGISLATURE HAS  
23 LOOKED AT AND VESTED PRIMARILY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR  
24 VEHICLES. CERTAINLY THIS INFORMATION COULD CAUSE THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS AND THE COURT TO ASK FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF



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1 INVESTIGATION TO BE DONE BY THESE AGENCIES WITHIN THE GENERAL  
2 TERM OF MONITORING. BUT THEY'RE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.  
3 THEY HAVE NO POWER TO ARREST, THEY'RE NOT COVERED BY THE  
4 LIABILITY PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT POLICE OFFICERS IN THAT  
5 REGARD. THE LEGISLATURE HAS VESTED THAT PRIMARILY IN THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF MOTORVEHICLES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT -- WHO DETERMINES THE \$5 FEE FOR  
9 INVESTIGATION? IS THAT ESTABLISHED BY THE COURT OR BY THE  
10 STATE? AND DOES THE LOCAL COURT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE THAT  
11 A \$10 FEE TO ENHANCE THE INVESTIGATIONS?

12

13 **FRED BENNETT:** I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT  
14 QUESTION. I SUSPECT THAT IT'S A STATUTORY FEE, BECAUSE RARELY  
15 IS THE COURT GIVEN THE ABILITY TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF A  
16 FEE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THAT STATUTORY FEE BE ESTABLISHED  
19 BY A CITY, A COUNTY OR A STATE?

20

21 **FRED BENNETT:** I SUSPECT THAT THIS IS DONE STATUTORILY BUT I  
22 HONESTLY DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER. WE COULD CERTAINLY FIND THAT  
23 OUT FOR YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'T SOME OF THE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE  
2   DIFFERENT PARKING FEES OR TRAFFIC --.

3

4   **FRED BENNETT:** THIS IS A FEE THAT'S AUTHORIZED TO BE CHARGED  
5   FOR THIS ASPECT OF THE SERVICE. IT WOULDN'T BE DETERMINED BY  
6   MUNICIPALITIES.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, WHAT WOULD BE THE  
9   COURT'S RECOMMENDATION?

10

11   **FRED BENNETT:** WE DON'T HAVE A POLICY. I'M NOT HERE TO MAKE A  
12   POLICY RECOMMENDATION.

13

14   **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR IF I --.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CARLOS?

17

18   **CARLOS JACKSON:** MAY SUGGEST. AND AFTER THE STORY WE'VE BEEN  
19   TALKING WITH THE COURTS, GIVEN THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND  
20   ABILITY THAT WE HAVE. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT DID COME UP ON  
21   TERMS IS IT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE FEES; THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE  
22   DEFERED TO TRAFFIC SCHOOLS, IT'S \$5. TO INCREASE IT TO DO MORE  
23   PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT FRAUD. WE LOOKED AT EVEN IN THE  
24   MATERIALS THAT ARE HANDED OUT TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHEN HE SIGNS  
25   UP AT THE COURT AND PAY THE FEE, IS THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE CAN



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1 PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION IN THAT PACKET, THAT IT'S A FELONY TO  
2 BUY A CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS A FELONY TO SELL A CERTIFICATE.  
3 MORE AWARENESS OF WHAT THINGS ARE GOING ON. WE, AS WELL, WILL  
4 USE A 800 NUMBER FOR PEOPLE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY TYPE OF A  
5 TIPS, WELL, YOU KNOW, FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR AMONG THE SCHOOLS.  
6 THE OTHER DIMENSION THAT -- WHERE WE GET INFORMATION FROM OUR  
7 SURVEYS AND ARE FILLED OUT BY THE STUDENTS WHO GO INTO TRAFFIC  
8 SCHOOL, WE GET A LOW TURNOUT ON A RETURN, AND LESS THAN 10%.  
9 USUALLY THOSE SURVEYS ARE HANDED OUT WHEN YOU PAY THE FEE AT  
10 THE COURT. WE'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE COURTS TO TRY TO  
11 IDENTIFY A WAY THAT WE COULD GET A LARGER RETURN SO WE CAN  
12 POTENTIALLY GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AND  
13 THEN WE CAN FOLLOW UP ON THOSE KIND OF REFERRALS. AND THEN ON  
14 OUR OWN WEBSITE, AT THE C.D.C. WEB SITE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE  
15 THE LINKS OF SOMEONE AS WELL CAN USE THE INTERNET TO INFORM US  
16 ABOUT ANY FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR IS BEING DONE  
19 BY THE INSTRUCTOR AND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVED THE  
20 CITATION, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVED THE CITATION IS NOT  
21 GOING TO CALL THAT 800 NUMBER AND REPORT THE FRAUD THAT'S  
22 TAKING PLACE.

23

24 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NO THAT'S WHY I WAS SAYING AT THE BEGINNING  
25 THAT THERE ARE -- WE HAVE PROCEDURES TO LOOK AT THE GENERAL





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1 CONDUCT OF THE SCHOOLS, TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE, IN GENERAL,  
2 YOU KNOW, ARE OFFERING AND IN COMPLIANCE, WHERE WE DON'T --

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU -- IF YOU SEE THAT THE SCHOOL WITH  
5 A GREAT CURRICULUM AND GREAT INSTRUCTORS, HOW DO YOU KNOW  
6 THEY'RE NOT SLIPPING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OUT OF THE BACK DOOR  
7 BY GIVING FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATES?

8

9 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL THAT'S WHY I THINK, YOU KNOW, THIS WHOLE  
10 MATTER REALLY HAS BROUGHT FORWARD THIS GAP THAT WE HAVE. THAT  
11 WE DO NOT HAVE THAT INVESTIGATIVE ABILITY AT THIS PRESENT  
12 TIME, AND IT HASN'T BEEN GRANTED TO US. NOW THE REAL QUESTION  
13 COMES IN, IF THERE IS A DESIRE AND THERE IS AN ESTABLISHMENT  
14 OF THAT, ARE WE THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO DO THAT? I'M NOT --  
15 I COULDN'T RESPOND AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, BUT WE HAVE THE  
16 CAPACITY TO DO THOSE TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS. THAT WOULD  
17 DETECT THE FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR.

18

19 **FRED BENNETT:** I WOULD LIKE TO JUST ADD TO THAT POINT, THE ROLE  
20 OF THE COURT'S PRIMARILY IS TO SERVE AS AN IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL  
21 FOR THESE MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COURT. AND TO AN EXTENT  
22 THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN A ROLE ADMINISTRATIVELY TO MAKE SURE THAT  
23 THE CRITERIA TEACHES THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE  
24 FOR A TRAFFIC SCHOOL BUT PROSECUTING AGENCIES, AND  
25 INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, AND POLICE AGENCIES ARE THE ONES WITH



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1 THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING CRIME AND  
2 BRINGING IT TO THE COURTS TO BE DECIDED. THERE WOULD BE  
3 NOTHING THAT WOULD PRECLUDE YOU ASKING YOUR SHERIFF OR CITY  
4 POLICE AGENCIES TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS ACTIVITY OR  
5 TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT'S CHARGED WITH  
6 THAT SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY TO DO A MORE EFFECTIVE  
7 INVESTIGATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHY WOULD THE COURT  
10 WANT TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO A PROCEDURE THAT HAS GREAT  
11 OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRAUD AND ALLOW THE STATUS QUO TO CONTINUE?

12

13 **FRED BENNETT:** I THINK THE COURT WOULD WELCOME THAT INFORMATION  
14 BEING PROVIDED TO IT. THE QUESTION IS, WHO IS IT THAT'S BEST  
15 EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. CERTAINLY LAW  
16 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE. THE  
17 HOUSING AUTHORITY IS NOT WELL-EQUIPPED TO DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, SO WHY WOULDN'T YOU CONTRACT WITH THE  
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO DO THIS INSTEAD OF THE HOUSING  
21 AUTHORITY, WHICH IS INVOLVED WITH HOUSING?

22

23 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL I POINT OUT, THIS IS A CONTRACT WITH THE  
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

25



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW BUT THE CONTRACT IS WITH THE COUNTY.  
2   WHY -- THE SHERIFF IS ALSO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHY  
3   WOULDN'T THE CONTRACT BE WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF?

4

5   **FRED BENNETT:** I -- YOU KNOW, YOU COULD CERTAINLY MAKE THAT  
6   PROPOSAL BUT I'M NOT PREPARED TO --

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO I UNDERSTAND, BUT --

9

10   **JOHN BENNETT:** I'LL GIVE YOU A LEGAL ANALYSIS.

11

12   **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL SUPERVISOR, AT THE-- AT THE TIME THAT WE  
13   ENTER INTO CONTRACT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE C.A.L. AND THE  
14   COURT SURVEYED THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHO COULD ASSUME  
15   THIS RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE WERE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAME  
16   FORWARD AND THEY REALLY TALKED US INTO DEVELOPING A PROGRAM  
17   FOR THIS. SO THERE WAS SOME ASSESSMENT DONE AS TO THE  
18   APPROPRIATE --.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY YEARS AGO WAS THAT?

21

22   **CARLOS JACKSON:** WE ENTERED INTO CONTRACT IN 1997.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** '97. SO NOW WE'VE HAD SIX YEARS AND IT WOULD  
25   SEEM TO ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT CONTRACT AND THAT



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1 REVIEW OUGHT TO INCLUDE THE COURTS, THE SHERIFF, AND THE  
2 DEPARTMENT AND COME BACK WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

3

4 **CARLOS JACKSON:** BUT ONE OF THE CRITICAL THINGS THAT REALLY  
5 THIS BOARD OUGHT TO LOOK AT, AND AS WELL LOOK AT FUTURE  
6 LEGISLATION, IS THAT WE HAVE TO RELY ON D.M.V. IT'S NOT A TWO-  
7 WAY INTERCHANGE BETWEEN US. WE SUBMIT INFORMATION REGARDING  
8 SCHOOLS' BEHAVIOR AND WE HAVE HAD CASES BEFORE THEM, STILL  
9 PENDING SINCE 1998. AND SO WE DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE TO REPORT  
10 SOME OF THESE FRAUDULENT BEHAVIORS, THEN WE HAVE TO RELY ON  
11 D.M.V. TO TAKE ACTION. LIKE I SAID IN -- WE HAVE TWO CASES IN  
12 1998, ONE CASE FROM 1999, ONE CASE FROM 2000, AND THREE CASES  
13 FROM 2001. SO --.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE WE JUST HAD AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THAT  
16 HAD, WHAT, THREE, FOUR, OR FIVE CASES.

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** BUT SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED -- JUST ASKED ME  
19 THAT, IF THESE THREE SCHOOLS ARE STILL IN OPERATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT SO -- SO THERE APPEARS TO BE A  
22 BREAKDOWN IN THAT YOU'RE SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE THE  
23 INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY, JUST CHECK THE FACILITY AND THE  
24 CURRICULUM AND THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT  
25 CONTRACT BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE FLAWED, AND HAVE AN



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1 INVESTIGATIVE BODY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ASSUME THAT  
2 RESPONSIBILITY SO THAT YOU COULD PROSECUTE AND APPREHEND THOSE  
3 WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY CREATING FRAUD?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, ARE YOU MAKING SOME  
6 SUGGESTION OR A MOTION?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE C.A.O.,  
9 THE SHERIFF, THE COURTS, AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW  
10 THIS -- THESE CASES OF FRAUD AND COME BACK WITH A  
11 RECOMMENDATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FROM TIME TO TIME, DON'T YOU REVIEW THE --  
14 EACH SCHOOL AND DON'T THEY HAVE TO QUALIFY SOMEHOW?

15

16 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ARE THE ONES  
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING THE SCHOOLS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND --.

20

21 **CARLOS JACKSON:** ALL THE AUTHORITY, I MEAN EVEN THE COURT, THE  
22 ONLY AUTHORITY IS TO REMOVE THE SCHOOLS FROM THE COUNTY  
23 REFERRAL LIST. BUT THEY MAY NOT BE -- THEIR LICENSE MAY NOT BE  
24 REVOKED AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO MOTOR VEHICLE WOULD HAVE TO  
2   MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO  
3   OPERATE AND THE APPROPRIATE THING I SUPPOSE IS THAT THE  
4   COMPLAINTS BE PLACED WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE NOT TO RENEW THEIR  
5   LICENSES. BUT CAN'T YOU ALSO DO THIS ON INTERNET? CAN'T YOU  
6   ALSO GO TO DRIVING SCHOOL ON INTERNET?

7

8   **CARLOS JACKSON:** THAT'S -- THAT IS THE NEW PHENOMENA, BUT THERE  
9   ARE ISSUES.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU JUST GO ON TO INTERNET TO DO IT  
12   AND IT'S -- I DON'T KNOW WHO CHECKS ON THE INTERNET.

13

14   **CARLOS JACKSON:** THERE IS -- THAT'S AN OPEN ARENA AT THE  
15   PRESENT TIME. BECAUSE HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT CHECKING WHO TOOK  
16   THE EXAM.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. YEAH RIGHT, ANYONE COULD GET ON THE  
19   INTERNET ONCE THE PERSON GOES THROUGH THE -- THEIR COMPUTER.

20

21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I'LL JUST MAKE A MOTION THAT THE C.A.O.,  
22   THE COURT AND THE SHERIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT REPORT BACK IN  
23   TWO WEEKS WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON CORRECTING THIS PROBLEM.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
2   ORDERED.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ITEM 45?

5

6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD WE ASK -- COULD WE ASK MR. YOKOMIZO  
7   TO COME FORWARD? IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS ASKED TO TESTIFY ON  
8   THIS ITEM? NO. I HAD SOME QUESTIONS ON THIS. NOW, MY  
9   UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE CERTAIN SAVINGS WE'RE SUPPOSED  
10   TO GET FROM LEADER.

11

12   **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE STATE EXPECTED US TO GET \$30  
15   MILLION IN SAVINGS. WE DID NOT GET THE \$30.4 MILLION, SO THAT  
16   WE WERE FACED FOR SOME TIME WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE STATE  
17   CUTTING US BY THIS AMOUNT BUT NOW THE STATE HAS SAID THEY'LL  
18   ONLY CUT US \$10 MILLION.

19

20   **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THE STATE HAS  
21   ACTUALLY RESTORED \$20 MILLION OF THE ORIGINAL \$30 MILLION IN  
22   SAVINGS. THOSE SAVINGS DID NOT MATERIALIZE BECAUSE OF THE  
23   IMPLEMENTATION BEING DELAYED IN LATER AND ALSO SOME OF THE  
24   LEGACY SYSTEMS THAT WE CONTINUED TO USE. BUT THERE WAS AN



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1 ADJUSTMENT TECHNICALLY THAT WAS MADE BY THE STATE, THAT'S  
2 CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO WAS THIS BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT  
5 WAS LATE GETTING STARTED OR WAS IT BASED UPON THEIR REVIEW --  
6 I KNOW THEY HAD SOME QUESTION IN TERM OF MANUAL OVERRIDES,  
7 TRAINING AND SOME OF THOSE OTHER THINGS. I KNOW I WAS IN THE  
8 MEETING WITH THEM AND ALSO WITH SOME OF THE FEDERAL  
9 AUTHORITIES WHO WERE ASKING ABOUT THE ISSUES IN TERMS OF  
10 MANUAL, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS SOME PEOPLE HAVE TWO COMPUTERS  
11 STILL ON THEIR DESKS.

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** IT WAS PRIMARILY DUE TO DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION  
14 BUT THE STATE HAS WORKED WITH US ON THAT AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY  
15 TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD WITH A MORE DETAILED REPORT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THESE ISSUES BEING RESOLVED?

18

19 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE WORKING VERY, VERY CLOSELY  
20 WITH UNYSIS CORPORATION AND WE FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT THEY  
21 ARE WORKING WITH US TO GET A LOT OF THESE ISSUES RESOLVED. DAY  
22 IN AND DAY OUT THE LEADER CONTINUES TO BE A WELL-WORKING  
23 SYSTEM, HANDLING MORE THAN 5 MILLION TRANSACTIONS PER DAY;  
24 HOWEVER IT IS NOT WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE YET AND I THINK THERE



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1 ARE SOME ADDITIONAL CHANGES THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK  
2 WITH UNYSIS ON, AND THEY ARE COMMITTED TO DO THAT WITH US.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I HAVE  
5 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS IS THE AMENDMENT THAT REQUIRED  
6 THESE CHANGES THAT WE'RE NOW ADDING TO THIS CONTRACT WERE TWO  
7 YEARS AGO BECAME, IS MY UNDERSTANDING, THOSE AMENDMENTS WERE  
8 REQUIRED TWO YEAR -- OR IT WAS INDICATED TWO YEARS AGO THAT  
9 THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED. WHAT WAS ALL THE DELAY? WHY DOES IT  
10 TAKE TWO YEARS? NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER SET IN NOVEMBER, RIGHT?

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE TWO  
13 ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT WE MAY BE BRINGING FORTH LATER ON  
14 THIS CALENDAR YEAR; HOWEVER WITH SPECIFIC REGARD TO YOUR  
15 QUESTION, THE -- IT WAS IN 1999 WHEN THE REGULATIONS WERE  
16 PRESENTED AT THE END OF THAT YEAR, AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE  
17 LEADER ROLLOUT WAS DELAYED AND WE ACTUALLY HAD TO PUT THAT ON  
18 HOLD --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I REMEMBER THAT.

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FOR OVER NINE MONTHS, FOR US TO DO THAT. AND  
23 THERE WERE OTHER PRIORITIES IN GETTING LEADER UP THAT WERE  
24 ACTUALLY MORE IMPORTANT TO WORK AND DEVOTE THE TIME TO THAN



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1 THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT AND THAT IS THE MAJOR REASON FOR THE  
2 DELAY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LAST WEEK WE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE CLERKS  
5 AT 660. AND I SUSPECT YOU HEARD THEM, WHERE THEY SAID THAT  
6 THEY WERE HAVING SO MUCH DIFFICULTY WITH LEADER THAT THEY  
7 STILL HAD TWO COMPUTERS ON THEIR DESK, THEY WERE STILL DOING A  
8 LOT OF IT MANUALLY. HOW MUCH IS IT COSTING US? HOW MUCH ARE WE  
9 REALLY SAVING AND WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF SAVINGS FROM LEADER AT  
10 THIS POINT?

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THE ESTIMATED SAVINGS AT THIS POINT,  
13 SUPERVISOR, AT THE ESTIMATE THAT WE WERE DISCUSSING EARLIER,  
14 IS ABOUT \$11 MILLION IN SAVINGS; HOWEVER WE HAVE A LONG WAYS  
15 TO GO. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS SYSTEM AND ENSURE  
16 THAT IT -- THAT THE PRIMARY ISSUE IS EASE OF USE, THAT LEADER  
17 IS NOT AN EASY SYSTEM TO USE. IT HAS OVER 600 SCREENS AND  
18 MULTIPLE SUBSYSTEMS AND OUR WORKERS HAVE TO NAVIGATE THAT  
19 SYSTEM AND IT'S NOT AS EASY TO USE AS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE,  
20 HOWEVER WE DO HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM UNYSIS TO CONTINUE TO  
21 WORK WITH US ON THIS TO MAKE THIS SYSTEM MORE AND MORE COST-  
22 EFFECTIVE AS WE CONTINUE TO REFINE THE SYSTEM.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE DEPEND UPON THE STATE AGAIN TO GIVE  
25 US LEEWAY IN TERMS OF THE AMOUNT THAT WE WERE INITIALLY



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1 SUPPOSED TO HAVE IN SAVINGS? NOW THIS TIME SEE BECAUSE WE WERE  
2 LATE STARTING. NEXT YEAR WILL WE STILL BE ABLE TO GET -- WILL  
3 THEY HAVE AN EXPECTATION OF US HAVING THE \$30 MILLION IN  
4 SAVINGS OR WILL THEY GIVE US A PASS AGAIN?

5

6 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THE STATE HAS BECOME  
7 VERY, VERY REALISTIC WITH REGARD TO WELFARE COMPUTER SYSTEMS  
8 IN GENERAL. THERE ARE FOUR LARGE STATEWIDE SYSTEMS THAT ARE  
9 CURRENTLY GOING UP THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT  
10 WE WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO GO UP AND THEY'RE RECOGNIZING THAT  
11 THERE ARE SOME REALITIES WITH REGARD TO WORKING THE BUGS OUT  
12 OF THE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO REALLY GET ALL OF THESE SYSTEMS TO  
13 WORK PROPERLY. SO I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO BE UNDERSTANDING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE SITUATION NOW? ARE THE BUGS OUT  
16 AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT LEADER? WHEN  
17 YOU'RE WATCHING IT, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAS TO HAPPEN IN ORDER  
18 FOR IT TO WORK AND FOR US TO GET THESE SAVINGS?

19

20 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WITH REGARD TO LEADER, I HAVE TWO MAJOR  
21 CONCERNS. THE EASE OF USE ISSUE IS MY MAJOR CONCERN, AND THAT  
22 IS DAY IN AND DAY OUT OUR WELFARE WORKERS NEED TO BE ABLE TO  
23 NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM EASILY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS  
24 THAT CROP UP. WHEN OUR WORKERS ARE USING THE SYSTEM. THAT'S  
25 NOT ALWAYS CLEAR TO THEM AND IT NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING THAT IS



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1 VERY, VERY EASY TO USE SO THAT THERE IS NO GUESS WORK INVOLVED  
2 WITH REGARD TO HOW WE MANIPULATE AND NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM.  
3 THERE ARE ALSO 25 MANUAL WORKAROUNDS, OF WHICH THE 1931 B  
4 MEDI-CAL IS A PART, IT'S PART OF THE AMENDMENT TODAY. THERE  
5 ARE MANUAL CHANGES THAT WE HAVE TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP  
6 THE SYSTEM GOING, WE HAVE TO KEEP UP TECHNOLOGY-WISE WITH  
7 IMPLEMENTING THOSE CHANGES SO THAT WE CAN AUTOMATE THEM.  
8 FINALLY, THE OTHER CONCERN I HAVE IS THAT THERE ARE 29 STATE  
9 REPORTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MANUALLY -- THAT WE HAVE TO  
10 MANUALLY SUBMIT TO THE STATE EACH MONTH ABOUT OUR WELFARE CASE  
11 LOAD. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ARE FULLY AUTOMATED ON  
12 LEADER. NOW 26 OF THOSE 29 ARE CURRENTLY AUTOMATED AND DOING  
13 WELL, BUT WE STILL HAVE THREE TO GO, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
14 CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT AS WELL AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR  
15 REPORTING SYSTEMS ARE ALL WORKING APPROPRIATELY.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO MOVE THIS ITEM, BUT  
18 I'D LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN HAVE A REPORT IN 60 DAYS, WHICH  
19 WOULD BE LONG ENOUGH BEFORE THE NOVEMBER REQUIREMENTS, THAT WE  
20 CAN FIND OUT IF -- WHAT THE STATUS IS AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, IS  
21 THE STATE GOING TO SAY, OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THESE  
22 SAVINGS? WE NEED TO REALLY KNOW. WITH THE STATE LOOKING FOR  
23 MONEY, I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT THEY DON'T SAY, YOU KNOW, WELL  
24 IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT YOU WEREN'T PRODUCING THE SAVINGS YOU  
25 SAID YOU WOULD PRODUCE.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY I ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE, UH-HUH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN, HAS LEADER EXPERIENCED ANY MAJOR  
7 PROBLEMS IN THE PAST?

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9 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** LEADER, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAS HAD SOME  
10 PROBLEMS IN THE PAST. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF WORKAROUNDS THAT  
11 WE'VE HAD TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SYSTEM RUNNING.  
12 HOWEVER, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, AS I'VE STATED EARLIER, WELFARE  
13 RECIPIENTS ARE GETTING THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF BENEFITS AND THEY  
14 ARE GETTING THEM ON TIME, AND SO WE KNOW THAT THE SYSTEM  
15 OPERATES WELL AND IT'S HANDLING A LARGE VOLUME. HOWEVER,  
16 AGAIN, IT'S NOT WHERE WE NEED IT TO BE YET. WE NEED TO  
17 CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH  
18 UNYSIS TO ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE TO  
19 SERVE OUR CLIENTELE WELL.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO MODIFY THIS  
22 SYSTEM?

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24 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S A PROCESS WHERE WE HAVE TO  
25 CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT. IN AUGUST OF 2001 WE HAD 61



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1 COMPLIANCE ISSUES THAT WE WERE WORKING WITH UNYSIS ON, THAT 61  
2 HAS BEEN REDUCED DOWN TO NINE REMAINING. SO WE'RE MAKING  
3 PROGRESS BUT THOSE NINE REMAINING ARE STILL ONEROUS AND WE'VE  
4 GOT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON THAT. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A  
5 SPECIFIC TIME THAT I CAN ENSURE THAT THOSE WILL BE DONE, WE'RE  
6 GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A ROLLOUT PLAN?

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FOR THE NINE? YES, WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK  
11 WITH UNYSIS ON THAT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW ARE YOU ANTICIPATING ANY PROBLEMS WHEN  
14 MODIFYING THE SYSTEM?

15

16 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** NO, I THINK THE STATE IS PREPARING TO INCREASE  
17 THE NUMBER OF HOURS THAT WE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND MAKE THESE  
18 MODIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM AND I'M CONFIDENT AT THIS POINT  
19 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF STATE SUPPORT  
20 FINANCIALLY TO MAKE THE MODIFICATIONS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE  
21 DONE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY UNANTICIPATED  
24 COSTS? IS IT YOU, THE DEPARTMENT OR UNYSIS?

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1 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WELL SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE  
2 CHANGES IN REGULATION, CHANGES IN LAWS THAT WE CANNOT  
3 ANTICIPATE, AND IF THAT OCCURS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO  
4 NEGOTIATE WITH THE STATE WITH THE PLANNING DOCUMENTS NECESSARY  
5 TO GET THEIR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THESE COMPUTER CHANGES, TO  
6 DO THE ANTICIPATED -- UNANTICIPATED CHANGES AND THEN, OF  
7 COURSE, WE'LL BE GETTING BOARD APPROVAL TO CARRY THOSE OUT.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WILL YOU UPDATE US THAT?

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11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WE'LL BE PROVIDING YOU WITH REGULAR REPORTS ON  
12 ANY AMENDMENTS THAT WE MAKE THAT REQUIRE US TO GO BACK TO THE  
13 STATE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

14

15 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN 60 DAYS  
18 SOME INFORMATION ON THE MANUAL OVERRIDE AND HOW THE -- HOW  
19 THAT'S PROGRESSING. AND ALSO, HOW THIS REQUIREMENT OF TWO  
20 COMPUTERS ON THEIR DESK IS BEING RESOLVED. WITH THAT, I'LL  
21 MOVE IT, WAS THERE A SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED, SO  
22 ORDERED.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND JUST ON THE -- A FINAL NOTE ON MY MOTION  
25 NUMBER 2 THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA TODAY, A WORK PERMIT FOR -- AS



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1 A MEANS OF HAVING A LEGAL IMMIGRATION WITH THE WORK PERMIT  
2 WITH A BOND. I APPRECIATED SUPERVISOR KNABE'S SUPPORT FOR THAT  
3 AND JUST ONCE AGAIN IN WASHINGTON, BOTH DEMOCRAT AND  
4 REPUBLICAN SUPPORT FOR THAT CONCEPT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING,  
5 ALONG WITH THE GOOD WORDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S  
6 MOVING FORWARD. AND ON THE ISSUE OF HEALTH CENTERS, I JUST HAD  
7 A REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FOX WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT  
8 CONCEPT IN A CONFERENCE THAT JUST CONCLUDED THIS PAST WEEK,  
9 WHICH MANY INDIVIDUALS FROM THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATED IN,  
10 AND ALONG WE ALSO HAD FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE  
11 DEPARTMENT THAT AGAIN WAS VERY ENCOURAGING. SO MOVING ALONG,  
12 AS PART OF NAFTA, THEY'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING  
13 COMING DOWN HOPEFULLY THIS YEAR ON THAT. AND THAT'S IT. THANK  
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ONLY HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS AND I DON'T THINK I  
19 HAVE ANY SPECIALS AT ALL. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
20 THE MEMORY OF PETE DEHEDINA, WHO PASSED AWAY. MR. DEHEDINA WAS  
21 THE FOUNDER OF THE COUNTRY'S PREMIER LATINO CIVIL RIGHTS  
22 ORGANIZATION, MALDEF, THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND  
23 EDUCATION FUND. IT WAS THROUGH MR. DEHEDINA'S VISION AND  
24 LEADERSHIP THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF LATINOS CONTINUE TO  
25 BENEFIT GREATLY FROM MALDEF'S DEDICATED AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY



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1 EFFORTS. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NATION  
2 SHOULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN. SO I WOULD LIKE THAT WE WOULD -- THAT  
3 I WOULD ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
8 MEMORY OF SHERIFF SERGEANT RENE HERNANDEZ WHO TRAGICALLY  
9 PASSED AWAY. SERGEANT HERNANDEZ WAS A 22-YEAR VETERAN WORKING  
10 IN THE DEPARTMENT CENTURY STATION, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
11 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. I'D  
12 LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THAT,

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOSE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS I HAVE TODAY.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME, OH, I HAVE JUST ONE ADJOURNMENT.  
19 WENDY KATHERINE GILES, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH, 2003 AT  
20 THE AGE OF 40. SHE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND  
21 DISTRICT, ATTENDED JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.,  
22 AUTOBAHN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, COMPTON HIGH, SHE WAS EXTREMELY  
23 ATHLETIC DURING HER CAREER, SHE COMPETED AGAINST OLYMPIC GOLD  
24 MEDAL WINNERS SUCH AS EVELYN ASHFORD AND FLORENCE GRIFFITH  
25 JOYNER, SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF HER OWN SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY



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1    PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CENTER. HER STUDENTS KNEW HER AS MS.  
2    WENDY, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, CHRISTOPHER, HER  
3    THREE DAUGHTERS, CRYSTAL, AND AUTUMN, AND JAQUELINE AND HER  
4    DEVOTED PARENTS, JERRY AND GERALDINE GILES, TWO SISTERS AND  
5    FOUR BROTHERS AND A WEALTH OF AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS AND  
6    FRIENDS, SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP --

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8    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST HAD TWO OTHER ADJOURNMENTS.

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10    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I'M SORRY.

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12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE DR. JULIAN DENSEN GERBER, A PSYCHIATRIST  
13    LAWYER WHO FOUNDED ODYSSEY HOUSE FROM NEW YORK, WHO PASSED  
14    AWAY. WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE SHE HELPED WITH SOME  
15    OF THE CHILD ABUSE LEGISLATION I WAS INVOLVED WITH AND WAS  
16    INVOLVED IN THAT AND ALSO THE MOTHER OF MARIO RODRIGUEZ, WHO  
17    IS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY  
18    WHO WAS HERE I BELIEVE A WEEK AGO THE BOARD MET. HIS MOTHER  
19    PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY, SO WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY AS WELL.

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21    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP 62, THERE WAS  
22    SOMEONE WHO WE RECONSIDERED THAT ITEM. OH I'M SORRY, WAS IT  
23    64? ALL RIGHT. MICHAEL PAULS. YES. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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1   **MICHAEL PAULS:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL PAULS. AND I WANTED TO THANK  
2   YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME THIS TIME TO SPEAK AND ALLOWING  
3   FOR THIS RECONSIDERATION TO GO FORWARD. GOOD AFTERNOON,  
4   HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL PAULS AND  
5   I'M THE PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION, FRIENDS OF COLORADO  
6   LAGOON. FRIENDS OF COLORADO LAGOON IS AN ORGANIZATION OVER  
7   2,500 LONG BEACH RESIDENTS WHICH ADVOCATE AND PROMOTE THE  
8   RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE COLORADO LAGOON. I'M HERE  
9   TODAY TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM IN WHICH THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZING A  
10  CONSULTANT TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
11  IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TERMINU AVENUE DRAIN PROJECT IN  
12  LONG BEACH WHICH WOULD DISCHARGE INTO THE COLORADO LAGOON. THE  
13  COLORADO LAGOON, TO GIVE YOU SOME BRIEF HISTORY THE COLORADO  
14  LAGOON IS A WETLAND LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST LONG BEACH, WHICH IS  
15  ABUNDANT IN MARINE LIFE AND ACTS AS AN IMPORTANT STOP FOR  
16  THOUSANDS OF MIGRATORY BIRDS, INCLUDING ENDANGERED SPECIES  
17  EVERY YEAR. COLORADO LAGOON IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE EIGHTH OF A  
18  MILE TO THREE SCHOOLS, BEING A HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND  
19  ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPRESENTING 5,000 LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL  
20  DISTRICT CHILDREN. THE LAGOON OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL -- AS A  
21  RESULT OF THIS THE LAGOON OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL MARINE SCIENCE  
22  EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN WHO  
23  WOULD OTHERWISE NEVER BE EXPOSED TO CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL  
24  COASTAL ENVIRONMENT. MUCH HAS CHANGED FOR THE COLORADO LAGOON  
25  SINCE THIS MATTER WAS LAST TAKEN UP BY THIS BOARD IN JUNE OF



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1 2001. MOST IMPORTANTLY AS A RESULT OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED  
2 BY OUR ORGANIZATION, THE -- THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
3 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY ON BEHALF OF THE WETLAND  
4 RECOVERY PROJECT AWARDED \$200,000 FOR A STUDY AND RESTORATION  
5 PLAN TO BE CONDUCTED FOR COLORADO LAGOON. THE FRIENDS OF  
6 COLORADO LAGOON, AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS VERY CLEAR, DO NOT  
7 OPPOSE FLOOD CONTROL, BUT ARE REQUESTING THAT THE TERMINU  
8 AVENUE DRAIN PROJECT BE DESIGNED IN A FASHION TO ALLEVIATE  
9 FLOODING AND TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH WETLAND RESTORATION EFFORTS  
10 IN COLORADO LAGOON. WE ASK, OR WE REQUEST, THAT THE CONTRACT  
11 AUTHORIZED BY YOUR VOTE TODAY BE AMENDED TO DEFINE COLORADO  
12 LAGOON AS A WETLAND. WE REQUEST THAT THE ANALYSIS TO BE  
13 PREPARED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BE CONDUCTED  
14 BASED UPON THIS DEFINITION FOR COLORADO LAGOON AS A WETLAND SO  
15 THAT ALTERNATIVES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRAIN SYSTEM BE  
16 COMPATIBLE WITH A WETLAND ENVIRONMENT AND THUSLY NOT  
17 JEOPARDIZE CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDING TO CLEAN UP  
18 AND RESTORE COLORADO LAGOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
19 CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU WANT TO RESPOND, JIM? I THINK WE ARE  
24 ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS IN THIS PREPARATION BUT  
25 I'LL LET JIM RESPOND.



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2 **JIM NOYES:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON, JIM  
3 NOYES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. WE WILL BE EVALUATING A  
4 NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO  
5 BE PREPARED IF YOU APPROVE THIS ITEM TODAY. WE WILL TAKE INTO  
6 CONSIDERATION THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE LAGOON -- FRIENDS OF  
7 THE LAGOON AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AND ALL THE  
8 CONSTITUENTS AND RESIDENTS OF THE AREA TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED  
9 FLOOD CONTROL.

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MOVE THE ITEM.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT --.

14

15 **JIM NOYES:** MAY I MAKE ONE ADDITIONAL COMMENT, SIR?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

18

19 **MICHAEL PAULS:** OUR CONCERN IS THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS, TOO  
20 NUMEROUS TO PRESENT HERE TODAY, ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE  
21 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL  
22 COMMISSION, THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, THE -- THE CITY COUNCIL,  
23 WHICH ALL DEFINE COLORADO LAGOON AS A WETLAND. THE COUNTY OF  
24 LOS ANGELES DOES NOT DEFINE THIS AS A WETLAND, AND HAS NOT  
25 DEFINED THIS IN A SCOPE OF WORK, WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO



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1 THE CONSULTANT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING  
2 OR THIS FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING AHEAD ON  
3 THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL DIRECT THE CONSULTANT TO  
4 PREPARE ALTERNATIVES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THIS DRAIN SYSTEM  
5 WHICH WILL, IN FACT, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE LAGOON AS A  
6 WETLAND AND BUILD A DRAIN SYSTEM OR DESIGN A DRAIN SYSTEM  
7 WHICH WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH WETLAND RESTORATION.

8

9 **JIM NOYES:** SUPERVISORS WE ARE AWARE THAT THE AREA IS A WETLAND  
10 AND WE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY DEFINITION THAT THERE IS  
11 WITHIN ANY REGULATORY SCHEME OR STATUTES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED  
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH  
15 THEM.

16

17 **JIM NOYES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR.YAROSLAVSKY? AND I THINK YOU'RE  
22 OLDING ITEM 85.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:.** I AM HOLDING -- I HAVE A COUPLE OF  
25 ADJOURNING MOTIONS HERE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE



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1 MEMORY OF ROBERT STACK. BOB WAS A CONSTITUENT OF OURS FOR MANY  
2 -- AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE. VERY ACTIVE IN THE BEL AIR  
3 COMMUNITY, VERY ACTIVE IN THE POLICE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND  
4 BASICALLY A NICE GUY. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO JOINTLY PRESENT  
5 THAT --.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL TOO.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ADJOURNING MOTION.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECONDLY MARTY OPPENHIEM WHO'S A RESTAURANT  
14 COLUMNIST FOR THE FORMER NEW TIMES OF LOS ANGELES, PASSED  
15 AWAY. AND THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MADAM CHAIR, I  
16 WAS -- BEFORE I GO TO MY HOLDS -- OR MY ONE HOLD, I WANT TO  
17 READ IN A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. 50 YEARS AGO THE LEGISLATURE  
18 ENACTED CALIFORNIA'S LANDMARK OPEN MEETING LAW, THE RALPH M.  
19 BROWN ACT. IN ITS PREAMBLE THE ACT DECLARED THE LEGISLATURE  
20 FINDS AND DECLARES THE PUBLIC COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND  
21 COUNCILS AND THE OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES IN THIS STATE EXIST TO  
22 AID IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. IT IS INTENT OF  
23 THE LAW THAT THEIR ACTIONS BE TAKEN OPENLY AND THAT THEIR  
24 DELIBERATIONS BE CONDUCTED OPENLY. THE ACT FURTHER DECLARED  
25 THAT THE PEOPLE IN DELEGATING AUTHORITY DO NOT GIVE THEIR



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1 PUBLIC SERVANTS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE  
2 PEOPLE TO KNOW AND WHAT IS NOT FOR GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE TO  
3 KNOW, END QUOTE. LAST YEAR OUR BOARD ADOPTED A NUMBER OF OPEN  
4 GOVERNMENT MEASURES THAT PUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT THE  
5 FOREFRONT OF OPEN MEETING AND PUBLIC RECORD REFORM. TODAY  
6 HOWEVER THOSE EFFORTS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED HERE AND  
7 THROUGHOUT STATE UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISED BUDGET  
8 PROPOSAL WHICH SEEKS REPEAL OF THE FUNDED STATE MANDATE TO  
9 POST MEETING NOTICES AND TO FURNISH IN ADVANCE USEFUL  
10 SUMMARIES OF CALENDARED ITEMS TO BE VOTED UPON. THIS MEASURE  
11 IS BAD POLICY AND ALSO BAD ECONOMICS. POSTED NOTICE OF  
12 MEETINGS AND DESCRIPTIVE AGENDAS OF PENDING LEGISLATIVE  
13 BUSINESS ARE THE KEYS TO MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND  
14 DEMOCRATIC DECISION-MAKING. WITHOUT THEM THE PUBLIC WOULD BE  
15 LOCKED OUT AND DENIED A VOICE IN THE DEBATE AND GOOD  
16 GOVERNANCE WILL SUFFER GRIEVOUSLY AS A RESULT. REPEALING THIS  
17 MANDATE AS THE GOVERNOR SEEKS MIGHT SAVE THE STATE A FEW  
18 DOLLARS IN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES BUT THE COST IN SQUANDERED  
19 PUBLIC TRUST AND COMPROMISED POLICY MAKING WOULD BE  
20 INCALCULABLY HIGHER. IT'S A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL THAT WE MUST  
21 FORCEFULLY OPPOSE. FOR THAT REASON I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARE ITS OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S  
23 MAY REVISED PROPOSED TO REPEAL STATE MANDATES FOR BROWN ACT  
24 REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC NOTICE, OF MEETINGS AN ADVANCED POSTING  
25 OF DESCRIPTIVE AGENDAS AND TO INSTRUCT OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN





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1 SACRAMENTO TO OPPOSE THIS PROVISION'S INCLUSION IN THE STATE  
2 BUDGET.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT FOR NEXT WEEK?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH UNLESS YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE IT'S  
7 GOING TO COME UP BEFORE NEXT WEEK, I DON'T THINK IT WILL.

8

9 **C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN:** NO, IT TAKES LEGISLATION TO REPEAL. BUT  
10 WE DO HAVE THE FIGURES NOW ON HOW MUCH WE RECEIVED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN:** 2001 AND 2002 THE STATE REIMBURSED US  
15 \$256,672. IN 2002/3, 282,337. THAT'S WHAT THEY OWED US, THEY  
16 DIDN'T PAY US.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY DIDN'T PAY US, THEY JUST OWE IT.

19

20 **C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN:** SO THE 22 MILLION FIGURE STATEWIDE THAT  
21 I THINK I READ IN PAPER, I MAY HAVE MADE IT UP, SEEMS AWFULLY  
22 HIGH IF WE'RE ONLY RECEIVING 282,000. MAYBE IT'S 2 MILLION  
23 STATEWIDE, IT CAN'T BE 22 MILLION.

24



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WAS HOLING ITEM 85. I'D JUST LIKE TO  
2   ASK THE SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE TO COME FORWARD ON THIS.  
3   WHILE YOU'RE COMING UP, I'LL JUST ASK THE QUESTION. PART OF  
4   THE PURCHASE OF THE HELICOPTERS -- PART OF THE FUNDS THAT WERE  
5   GOING TO BE USED TO PURCHASE THE HELICOPTERS WERE GOING TO BE  
6   GARNERED FROM THE SALE OF THE OLD HELICOPTERS AND I WAS  
7   ADVISED THAT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THE SALE HAD BEEN  
8   DELAYED BUT ARE YOU NOW ARE THOSE -- THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS  
9   HELICOPTERS OR THE HELICOPTERS YOU PLAN TO SELL NOW UNDERWAY?  
10  COULD YOU JUST BRING US UP TO DATE ON THAT?

11

12  **JIM DE GIVANO:** YES MY NAME IS CAPTAIN JIM DE GIVANO WITH THE  
13  L.A. SHERIFF'S AIR BUREAU. AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT THERE WERE  
14  A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THE SALES WERE DELAYED. MOST  
15  SPECIFICALLY IS WE JUST TOOK DELIVERY OF THE FIRST NEW  
16  AIRCRAFT LAST FRIDAY AND THE SALE OF THOSE OF OUR EXISTING  
17  FLEET WAS TIED TO THOSE DELIVERY DATES. SO NOW WE ARE ON TRACK  
18  TO SELL THE REMAINDER OF THE FLEET. WE HAVE SOLD TWO. WE HAVE  
19  A PROSPECTIVE BUYER ON A THIRD, WE HAVE ONE OUT TO BID NOW  
20  THAT WILL CLOSE ON THE 29TH OF THIS MONTH.

21

22  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY TOTAL ARE YOU -- DO YOU NEED TO  
23  SELL TO REACH THE REVENUE THAT YOU HAD PROPOSED TO USE THIS  
24  FOR?

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1   **JIM DE GIVANO:** IN ADDITION TO THE TWO WE HAVE ALREADY SOLD WE  
2   WILL SELL NINE MORE. THAT WILL COMPLETELY SELL OFF THE ENTIRE  
3   FLEET .

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU HAVE FOUR -- TWO -- I HEARD YOU GO  
6   THROUGH FOUR NOW, SO WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FIVE? WHEN WILL  
7   THOSE BE SOLD?

8

9   **JIM DE GIVANO:** WE HAVE TWO THAT ARE SOLD. I HAVE A PROSPECTIVE  
10   BUYER ON A THIRD. WE HAVE ONE OUT TO BID NOW.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY THAT'S FOUR.

13

14   **JIM DE GIVANO:** THAT'S FOUR, THE REMAINDER WILL BE SOLD, MOST  
15   LIKELY PUT THEM UP FOR SALE BEGINNING IN JULY, TO SELL THEM TO  
16   MAINTAIN A REVENUE STREAM THROUGH NEXT FISCAL YEAR, SO THAT WE  
17   WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THAT REVENUE STREAM TOWARDS THE LEASE  
18   PAYMENTS GOING INTO NEXT FISCAL YEAR SO THAT WE WILL REMAIN  
19   REVENUE-NEUTRAL FOR NEXT YEAR.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE NOT SELLING  
22   THE BALANCE, OR DO YOU ALSO NEED THOSE -- SOME OF THOSE  
23   HELICOPTERS BECAUSE YOU WON'T HAVE THE OTHER SIX NEW ONES IN  
24   YOUR POSSESSION?

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1   **JIM DE GIVANO:** YES, SUPERVISOR. ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
2   DO IS TIE THE SALE TO DELIVERY DATES. SO WITH THE APPROVAL  
3   TODAY, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCE FROM THE HELICOPTER  
4   MANUFACTURER THAT UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OTHER UNFORESEEN  
5   DELAYS, WE WILL RECEIVE THE REMAINDER -- THE NEW SIX  
6   HELICOPTERS THAT WERE APPROVED TODAY BY THE END OF THIS  
7   CALENDAR YEAR. SO BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR WE SHOULD  
8   HAVE THE ENTIRE FLEET REPLACED AND I WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN  
9   SELLING AIRCRAFT BASED UPON THOSE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATES.

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11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO SELL ALL OF  
12   THE REMAINING FIVE HELICOPTERS DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR? THIS  
13   COMING FISCAL YEAR?

14

15   **JIM DE GIVANO:** ABSOLUTELY.

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17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I MOVE  
18   APPROVAL.

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20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
21   ORDERED.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S IT FOR ME. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS  
2    UNFORTUNATELY. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3    MEMORY OF JOSE RODRIGUEZ, A MEXICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
4    VARSITY BASEBALL PLAYER, HONOR STUDENT. JOSE WILL BE  
5    REMEMBERED FOR HIS ENTHUSIASM, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR  
6    BEING AN ALL-AROUND NICE PERSON. WHILE ATTENDING JOHN GLENN  
7    HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NORWALK JOSE STARTED AS AN ENGLISH  
8    LEARNER AND LATER MOVED TO THE REGULAR PROGRAM, WHERE HE  
9    GRADUATED WITH HONORS. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RODRIGUEZ WAS BASED  
10   IN CAMP PENDLETON WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE  
11   AND WAS KILLED THIS PAST WEEK IN IRAQ. VERY SAD. ALSO THAT WE  
12   ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AUDREY DRUCILLA EDWARDS WHO PASSED AWAY  
13   ON MAY 12TH. SHE WAS 88 YEARS OLD AND A LONG TIME MEMBER OF  
14   FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
15   DAUGHTER, VALOICE, SONS, DAVID AND JIM, HER GRANDCHILDREN AND  
16   GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
17   COOPS, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LEONE, BROTHERS BERNIE AND AL,  
18   SISTERS, JOHANNA AND ILIDA, DAUGHTERS, PAULA, CORINNE, SON,  
19   DALE, GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. ALSO WE ADJOURN  
20   IN MEMORY OF LOUISE WINEMUELLER WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG  
21   BATTLE WITH CANCER, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, LOUIS, AND  
22   DAUGHTER-IN-LAW DIANNE AND A GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE  
23   ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HUGO FRANCIS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY  
24   13TH. HE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FOUNDING OF THE  
25   WESTCHESTER FAMILY YMCA. HE NOT ONLY HELPED BUILD THE Y, BUT



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1 FOR DECADES DEDICATED COUNTLESS HOURS TO NUMEROUS Y PROGRAMS  
2 AND SERVICE. HUGO WAS ALSO ACTIVE WITH THE CHAMBER OF  
3 COMMERCE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WESTCHESTER AREA  
4 INCLUDING THE CAMPWOOD HOME GUARDIANS AND COVENANT  
5 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. HUGO WAS A SECOND DAD TO THOUSANDS OF  
6 KIDS IN THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY. HE SET THE GOLD STANDARD  
7 FOR SELFLESS SERVICE. IF ONES LIFE IS JUDGED AND REMEMBERED BY  
8 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS FELLOW MAN, HUGO FRANCIS SHALL BE JUDGED  
9 AND REMEMBERED AS A HERO. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARTY, HIS  
10 TWO CHILDREN, TWO STEPCHILDREN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE  
11 GREAT GRANDCHILD. HE WAS 82 YEARS OLD YOUNG. ALSO THAT WE  
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS MENDOZA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY  
13 14TH AFTER A LONG-TERM ILLNESS, SHE WAS 59. A LONG-TIME  
14 SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE  
15 PREVENTION BUREAU. SHE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND  
16 COLLEAGUES, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS, SUZANNE,  
17 LANEY AND KATHERINE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM  
18 ARKIA, A LONG-TIME TRACK AND FIELD COACH AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL  
19 IN LONG BEACH, WHERE HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS ARKI. HE'S  
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARGARET, DAUGHTERS KELLY, NICOLE AND  
21 MANDY, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 15. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED  
22 EVELAND, A FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED  
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT, PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER SERVING IN LONG BEACH  
24 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WAS WELL-RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE  
25 COMMUNITY FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO HIS JOB. HE WAS





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1 AN ACTIVE FISHERMAN, AUTHOR OF BOOKS, VERY INVOLVED IN THE  
2 YMCA, HOSPITAL FOUNDATIONS, PTA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
3 DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY  
4 ALL. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I DIDN'T HOLD ANYTHING.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY, FOR THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING ON  
13 AND WATCHING TELEVISION, THIS SATURDAY, MAY 24TH WILL BE THE  
14 SIXTH ANNUAL "REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES" AND  
15 IT'S GOING TO BE AT ARCADIA COUNTY PARK, THAT'S 405 SOUTH  
16 SANTA ANITA AVENUE IN ARCADIA, AND JUST TAKE THE 210 GOING --  
17 GET OFF AT SANTA ANITA AVENUE AND GO SOUTH, IT'S ABOUT FOUR OR  
18 FIVE BLOCKS DOWN, AND KNBC WEATHERMAN FRITZ COLEMAN AND I WILL  
19 BE HOSTING THAT EVENT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SKYDIVERS, THE  
20 PARATROOPERS, ALONG WITH WORLD WAR TWO FIGHTER PLANS, WE'RE  
21 GOING TO HAVE A NUMBER OF THE SERVICE ORGANIZATION SUPPORT  
22 GROUPS THERE AS WELL AND EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. AND JAY GOMEZ,  
23 MY DEPUTY, HAS DONE A SUPERB JOB IN ORGANIZING THIS PROGRAM  
24 ONCE AGAIN.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT.

2    JOHN ANDERSON, DAVID ACTENBERG AND LYNN PLAMBER.

3

4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE COME FORWARD. ALL

5    RIGHT, IF NOT, MARVIN DARDEN, WOULD YOU COME FORWARD. ALL

6    RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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8    **JOHN ANDERSON:** MR. ANDERSON, FIRST NAME?

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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12   **JOHN ANDERSON:** FIRST NAME JOHN, J-O-H-N. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE

13   TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME APPROACH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

14   TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THIS MATTER. I GAVE A PACKET TO EACH ONE

15   OF YOU BASED ON THIS INFORMATION THAT I WANT REVIEWED.

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE GO ON AND MAKE YOUR STATEMENTS, YOU

18   HAVE THREE MINUTES.

19

20   **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY, THE PACKAGE THAT I GAVE YOU IS A

21   COVERSHEET IN THERE ADDRESSEF MAY 13TH, 2003. DO YOU HAVE IT?

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH.

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1   **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY, I WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THIS  
2   INFORMATION IS REVIEWED PROPERLY. ME AND MY DAUGHTER ARE  
3   HOMELESS BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF --  
4   DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. I'M A SINGLE PARENT, I  
5   WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR FIVE YEARS, AND THAT'S HOW I WROTE A  
6   PROPOSAL FOR WELFARE FOR HOME WHICH I ADDRESSED TO EACH AND  
7   EVERY ONE OF YOU. I WAS HERE WITH EDDIE TONAKA AT THAT TIME  
8   WHICH WAS THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. YOU TOOK  
9   THE PROPOSAL, USED IT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION AND TWICE OVER I'M  
10   HOMELESS FROM THAT TIME UP TO DATE. ALL THE INFORMATION IN  
11   THERE WILL TELL YOU EVERY YEAR, AS I APPROACHED YOU FROM 1995  
12   TO DATE WHAT HAPPENED. I APPLIED FOR WELFARE, BECAUSE OF  
13   RETALIATION THEY DID NOT PROCESS MY PAPERWORK PROPERLY, WHICH  
14   CAUSED ME TO BE HOMELESS AGAIN FOR THE SECOND TIME. RIGHT NOW  
15   ME AND MY DAUGHTER ARE STAYING IN A HOTEL, PAYING \$40 A DAY  
16   BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE AGAIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
17   SERVICES.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE -- WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE -- IS  
20   SOMEONE HERE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
21   THAT CAN --

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23   **JOHN ANDERSON:** ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO STATE, I CALLED YOUR  
24   OFFICE A WEEK AGO, TOLD TO SOMEBODY, THE GOVERNOR TOLD ME TO



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1 SPEAK BACK TO YOUR OFFICE CAUSE YOU ARE IN MY DISTRICT. NOBODY  
2 RETURNED MY PHONE CALL.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, GERARDO, IS GERARDO HERE? DID  
5 YOU SPEAK WITH HIM YET?

6

7 **GERARDO:** YEAH I SPOKE WITH HIM MANY TIMES.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MANY TIMES?

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11 **JOHN ANDERSON:** MANY TIMES WHAT, YOU NEVER REVIEWED THE  
12 INFORMATION, AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE INFORMATION THAT'S INSIDE  
13 HERE EVEN A -- EVEN IF THEY DID SHOOK MY ARM --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE SPOKE -- YOU DID SPEAK WITH HIM?

16

17 **JOHN ANDERSON:** I SPOKE TO HIM BUT HE DIDN'T LISTEN.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY, WELL, I WILL HAVE SOMEONE  
20 FROM DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

21

22 **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY ALSO I HAVE -- WHEN IT COMES TO WELFARE, I  
23 HAVE A STATE LETTER FROM A JUDGE. I WENT TO A HEARING. SHE  
24 EVEN SAID THE COUNTY IS BOUND BY YOUR STIPULATIONS WHICH IS IN  
25 THERE. YOU STILL DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THIS IS A STATE



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1 JUDGE OKAY THAT SAID THIS. I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS FOR  
2 FIVE AND A HALF YEARS, OKAY. NOBODY HAS DONE ANYTHING ABOUT  
3 IT, I GOT THE LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR THAT STATES THIS, THAT  
4 I SHOULD BRING IT BACK TO YOU, WHICH IS IN THE PACKET, I GOT A  
5 LETTER FROM BILL LOCKYER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE  
6 THAT SAYS Y'ALL SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS AND Y'ALL DID  
7 NOTHING.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE'S SOMEONE WITH THE  
10 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

11

12 **JOHN ANDERSON:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE YOU -- IT'S YOUR -- YOUR POSITION  
15 THAT YOU INVENTED THE WELFARE REFORM?

16

17 **JOHN ANDERSON:** I DID WRITE IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE, ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **JOHN ANDERSON:** AND I HANDED IT TO TONAKA IN FRONT OF ALL OF  
22 Y'ALL ON THAT DAY, IF YOU READ THE GRAM THAT THEY GAVE ME.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THAT WAS A FEDERAL  
25 LAW AND WE CANNOT PAY ANYONE FOR THEIR --.



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2 **JOHN ANDERSON:** EXCUSE ME. THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WANTED ME TO  
3 GIVE IT TO Y'ALL AND GIVE ME 5% OF ONE COMMISSARY. THAT'S WHAT  
4 YOU ALL TOLD ME, TO SUBMIT IT TO THIS EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION BOX,  
5 THIS WASN'T A SUGGESTION, I WRITE PROPOSALS FOR A LIVING, AND  
6 I GAVE IT TO YOU ALL RESPECTIVELY, YOU TOOK IT AND USED IT  
7 WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, AND KICKED ME TO THE CURB. THAT'S WHAT  
8 Y'ALL DID.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY, WELL SOMEONE FROM -- THEY  
11 AREN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE, THE COURT WOULD  
12 HAVE TO --

13

14 **JOHN ANDERSON:** SOMEBODY NEEDS TO.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL JUST A SECOND, LET ME JUST FINISH. THE  
17 COURT WOULD HAVE TO DETERMINE IF WE HAVE A -- HAVE ANY  
18 LIABILITY TO YOU FOR YOUR DEVELOPING OF WELFARE REFORM.  
19 HOWEVER, IN TERMS OF YOUR HOMELESS SITUATION, D.P.S.S. WILL  
20 HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT.

21

22 **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BUT AS FAR AS  
23 THE COURT IS CONCERNED, I TOLD YOU IF YOU READ THE LETTERS  
24 THAT'S ALL IN THERE FROM THE -- FROM THE STATE JUDGE AND





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1 EVERYBODY ELSE, YOU WILL SEE THAT I WAS TOTALLY DENIED MY FAIR  
2 RIGHTS, OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY. YOU HAVE A RIGHT -- YOU  
5 HAVE TO GO THROUGH COURT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN PAY ANYONE FOR  
6 ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **JOHN ANDERSON:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **MARVIN DARDEN:** I'M SORRY, MY NAME IS MARVIN DARDEN. FIRST  
13 GIVING HONOR TO GOD, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST. I MEAN NO  
14 DISRESPECT TO THIS COUNCIL. IN MY EIGHT MONTHS DISCOVERY  
15 PROCESS, I ACCUSED THE D.A.'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
16 PATILLO OF BEING RACIALLY DISCRIMINATIVE AGAINST PEOPLE OF  
17 COLOR AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION. I ACCUSED THE PALMDALE SHERIFF'S  
18 STATION OF CORRUPTION, INTIMIDATING A WITNESS AND FALSIFYING  
19 AN INVESTIGATION REPORT. THIS BOARD IS STILL UNAWARE OF THE  
20 EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE. THIS IS A COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE  
21 THAT IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND  
22 POLITICALLY AFRAID TO STEP ON ANYONE'S TOES. ITS DEPARTMENTS  
23 DO NOT DO WHAT THEY WERE CREATED OR DESIGNED TO DO FOR THE  
24 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. L.A. COUNTY OMSBUDSMAN ROBIN TAYLOR,  
25 THE L.A. COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ROBIN TOLLMAN, THE



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1 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW, ROBERT MILLER. THE PALMDALE HATE  
2 CRIME TASKFORCE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DARREN PARKER, ALL OF  
3 THESE DEPARTMENTS EITHER DID NOTHING AT ALL OR IGNORED VITAL  
4 EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE, FOR EXAMPLE IGNORING THE SUSPECTS FULL  
5 CONFESSION THAT HE ATTACKED AND BEAT ME BECAUSE HE PERCEIVED  
6 ME TO BE GAY, ALSO LYING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN  
7 THE INVESTIGATION REPORT THAT THE SUSPECT WAS INJURED, YOU  
8 KNOW THAT PALMDALE IS THE FIFTH HIGHEST CITY IN THE COUNTRY  
9 FOR HATE CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR AND A \$35 BILLION  
10 BUDGET CRISIS THIS SYSTEM IS IN GREAT NEED OF REFORM. WHILE  
11 THIS BOARD IS CUTTING A LOT OF NEEDS OF THE POOR, HOSPITALS,  
12 REHABILITATION CLINICS, ET CETERA, IT NEEDS TO CLEAN UP ITS  
13 OWN HOUSE. I COME TO YOU UNDER THE THREAT OF DEATH THAT IF I  
14 DID NOT STOP TRYING TO RESOLVE THE HATE CRIMES ISSUES IN  
15 PALMDALE THAT I WOULD BE HARMED. I ASKED THE COUNCIL IF IT'S  
16 TRULY FOR THE PEOPLE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES  
17 COUNTIES BY A SHOW OF HANDS OR A SOUND OF THEIR VOICE TO MAKE  
18 A MOTION TO HEAR MY CASE.

19  
20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE IS SOMEONE HERE I'M SURE -  
21 -

22  
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THAT -- ON THAT CASE, WE'VE HAD THE HUMAN  
24 RELATIONS HERE AND MR. TAYLOR HAS DONE AN INVESTIGATION. WE  
25 SENT THE COMMUNICATION TO YOU, MR. DARDEN, AND AS HE SAID IN



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1 THAT CASE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MADE A ACCURATE REPORT,  
2 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DID NOT FILE BECAUSE AFTER THE, I  
3 BELIEVE THE ACCIDENT, WHATEVER -- YOU GOT IN -- ASSAULTING THE  
4 OTHER DRIVER OR WHATEVER. SO HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU  
5 USE THIS AS A CIVIL SUIT THAT YOU HAVE -- YOU COULD -- YOU  
6 SHOULD FILE THIS AS A CIVIL MATTER BECAUSE THE DISTRICT  
7 ATTORNEY DID NOT FILE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL SOMEONE FROM HIS STAFF CAN  
10 DISCUSS IT WITH YOU.

11

12 **MARVIN DARDEN:** IF I MAY ADDRESS MR. ANTONOVICH PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

15

16 **MARVIN DARDEN:** I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE MR. ANTONOVICH, WHAT  
17 HAPPENED WAS THE INVESTIGATOR IN THE INVESTIGATION REPORT --  
18 WHEN I SPOKE WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY PATILLO HE SPECIFICALLY  
19 TOLD ME, MR. DARDEN, TO HAVE THEM DO AN INVESTIGATION, THEY  
20 DID AN INVESTIGATION AND FOUND THEMSELVES INNOCENT, OF COURSE,  
21 WITHOUT SPEAKING TO MYSELF AND THE WITNESS. THE -- IN  
22 HINDSIGHTS EVERYONE KNEW THAT THE SUSPECT WAS NOT INJURED.  
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY PATILLO TOLD ME THAT HE REJECTED THE CASE  
24 BECAUSE THE SUSPECT SAID HE WAS INJURED BY ME HITTING HIM WITH  
25 MY CAMERA AND IT'S HERE, MY CAMERA'S A .35 MILLIMETER 370 O-



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1 FRAME CAMERA WHICH WOULD HAVE LEFT A CONSIDERABLY MARK TODAY.  
2 THAT DID NOT HAPPEN, THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE  
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY REJECTED THE CASE. BUT MY WHOLE POINT TO  
4 THIS MATTER IS IS THAT THE POLICE OFFICERS IN THIS CASE LIED  
5 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID THIS IS  
6 WHY HE REJECTED THE CASE. ALSO THEY DID NOT TELL THE DISTRICT  
7 ATTORNEY THAT I WAS A DISABLED CITIZEN, THAT I SUFFERED A  
8 BRAIN ANEURISM TWO YEARS PRIOR AND I WAS UNABLE TO DEFEND  
9 MYSELF. SO MY WHOLE POINT TO THIS, IT WOULD BE VERY EASY FOR  
10 ME TO GO AFTER THE CITY OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY WAY OF  
11 CIVIL MEANS BUT THINK ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE DIED,  
12 THAT CANNOT DO SO, THAT ARE RELYING ON THIS SYSTEM TO PROTECT  
13 THEM? NONE OF THESE DEPARTMENTS DID ANYTHING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL YOU KNOW WHAT, SINCE THEN WE HAVE  
16 ESTABLISHED A COUPLE OF THINGS. WE HAVE THE OMBUDSMAN, WHICH  
17 WAS IN EFFECT I'M SURE WHEN THIS HAPPENED, BUT ALSO WE HAVE  
18 NOW AN OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW THAT YOU CAN FILE WITH  
19 THEM AND THEY CAN REVIEW IT. AND I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS  
20 ELAPSED.

21

22 **MARVIN DARDEN:** I BEG YOUR PARDON BUT I DID CONTACT MR. MILLER  
23 AS OF THIS DATE OF LAST YEAR OF OCTOBER. HE HAS DONE  
24 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. I HAVE HERE EVIDENCE --

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THEN THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO THEN IS  
2   FILE A CIVIL CASE AND WE HAVE THOSE CASES FILED ALL THE TIME  
3   SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS AND THEN A JUDGE CAN EVALUATE PRO  
4   AND CON WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH. WE CAN'T DO THAT. I'M SORRY,  
5   YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY DID ARREST THE PERSON WHO ASSAULTED YOU  
8   AND THEY DID TAKE THAT PERSON TO JAIL.

9

10   **MARVIN DARDEN:** BUT THIS PERSON IS A FRIEND OF A PROMINENT  
11   FAMILY AND BUT MY WHOLE POINT IS YOU HAVE DEPARTMENTS HERE  
12   THAT --.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SOME -- THE NEXT  
15   PERSON SPEAK, I'M SORRY, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17   **DAVID ALTENBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAVE A PROCEDURAL COMMENT,  
18   TO MAKE AND THEN I'D LIKE TO BEGIN MY COMMENTS.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

21

22   **DAVID ALTENBERG:** I'M DAVID ALTENBURG. MY PROCEDURAL COMMENT IS  
23   THAT I'M INFORMED THAT LYNN PLAMBECK WHOSE NAME YOU CALLED IS  
24   EN ROUTE, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT HER SPOT FOR SPEAKING BE BUMPED  
25   BACK, IF YOU WILL, UNTIL SHE'S ABLE TO ATTEND HERE IN A FEW



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1 MINUTES. NOW MY COMMENTS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO TODAY IS BE  
2 PROACTIVE AND ADDRESS AN ITEM WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR NEXT  
3 WEEK'S AGENDA, WHICH IS REVIEW OF THE NEWHALL RANCH  
4 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, AS CONTINUED FROM THE  
5 MEETING IN LATE MARCH. THE POINT THAT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT  
6 DESPITE PROMISES IN THIS ROOM TO COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF FULL  
7 DISCLOSURE BY NEWHALL LAND AND FARM OFFICIALS AND THEIR  
8 CONSULTANTS, THERE IS STILL PERTINENT DATA BEING WITHHELD, I'M  
9 REFERRING TO DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SUBPOENAED IN AN ACTIVE \$100  
10 MILLION DOLLAR CIVIL CASE, SUPERIOR COURT BC 244203 CONCERNING  
11 GEOLOGIC LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL AND SOIL AND WATER  
12 CONTAMINATION IN THE -- COMPILED BY ALLEN SEWARD ENGINEERING  
13 AT THE SITE OF NEWHALL RANCH. DESPITE REQUESTS BY COUNTY  
14 OFFICIALS THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE STILL NOT BEEN FULLY RELEASED  
15 AND NOW NEWHALL LAND AND FARM IS INSTEAD PROPOSING SETTLEMENT  
16 OF THEIR OWN \$100 MILLION CIVIL COMPLAINT RATHER THAN DISCLOSE  
17 THEM. I ASK THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ADVANCE OF NEXT TUESDAY'S  
18 SCHEDULED VOTE TO DETAIL THE FULL EXTENT OF POTENTIAL  
19 FINANCIAL EXPOSURE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHOULD THIS PUBLIC  
20 NOTICE TODAY, ESTABLISH FUTURE LIABILITY AND SHOULD THE BOARD  
21 VOTE TO KNOWINGLY APPROVE A DEMONSTRABLY GEOLOGICALLY  
22 HAZARDOUS PROJECT OF THIS LARGE A SCALE. ADDITIONALLY, I'M  
23 GOING TO ASK THE SUPERVISORS OF THE FIRST, THIRD AND FOURTH  
24 DISTRICTS TO REQUEST CONTINUANCE OF THIS ITEM OR TO VOTE TO  
25 OPPOSE NEWHALL RANCH NEXT WEEK ON THE GROUNDS OF FACTUALLY





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1 INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNTY AS A  
2 WHOLE AND QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS BENEFITING SANTA CLARITA AREA  
3 DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS BY OFFICIALS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT  
4 SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE IN SPECIFIC. IN SHORT, THIS VOTE NEXT WEEK  
5 CONVERTS 20,000-PLUS ACRES ORIGINALLY PURCHASED AT \$2.20C PER  
6 ACRE IN THE 1800S, TO RIGHTS THAT WILL BE VALUED AT OVER A  
7 BILLION DOLLARS AND WHICH WILL BENEFIT VERY FEW AT THE EXPENSE  
8 AND LIABILITY OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO IN  
9 CONCLUSION I'M ASKING THE THREE SUPERVISORS, FIRST, THIRD AND  
10 FOURTH DISTRICTS, NEXT WEEK, TO TAKE A STAND AND VOTE AGAINST  
11 THIS TYPE OF WHAT I CONSIDER FINANCIALLY MOTIVATED CORRUPTION.  
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JULIAN DO AND KAREN OCAMB.

15

16 **KAREN OCAMB:** I'M GOING TO GO FIRST. MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB.  
17 I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE L.A. PRESS CLUB AND THE HEAD OF THE  
18 LOS ANGELES SUNSHINE COALITION. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK  
19 YOU FOR FOLLOWING UP ON THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS WE MADE IN  
20 OUR SUNSHINE REPORT CARD. WE HAVE MET WITH JUDY HAMMOND AND  
21 APPRECIATE THE SINCERITY WITH WHICH SHE HANDLED OUR  
22 SUGGESTIONS. ALSO ADRIENNE BYERS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL'S OFFICE  
23 OFFERED HERSELF AS A LIAISON SHOULD ANY OF US HAVE PROBLEMS  
24 ACCESSING DOCUMENTS. WE APPRECIATE AND WILL PUBLICIZE THIS AND  
25 HOPE THAT COUNTY COUNCIL WILL FEATURE HER ON WHAT I UNDERSTAND



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1 IS A DEVELOPING WEBSITE. NOW THE REASON I'M HERE IS TO  
2 UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF CODIFYING YOUR OPEN GOVERNMENT  
3 POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF GOVERNOR DAVIS' SUBVERSIVE  
4 PROPOSAL TO REPEAL THE SECTION OF THE BROWN ACT THAT MANDATES  
5 THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR AGENCIES POST MEETING NOTICES  
6 AND AGENDA ITEMS. QUOTE, "MANDATES SUCH AS THIS RESULT IN  
7 ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS COSTS WITHOUT PRODUCING A SIGNIFICANT  
8 BENEFIT TO THIS STATE," END QUOTE. DAVIS SAYS IN HIS MAY  
9 REVISED BUDGET. LAST NIGHT THE BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES PRESS  
10 CLUB PASSED A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING DAVIS' PROPOSAL. WE  
11 BELIEVE THAT THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO KNOW WHAT THE GOVERNMENT  
12 IS DOING IN THEIR NAMES, TO HOLD GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS  
13 ACCOUNTABLE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT THROUGH ACCESS TO  
14 MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS IS A QUINTESSENTIAL BENEFIT TO THIS  
15 STATE, INDEED IT IS THE VERY BASIS ON WHICH THE STATE  
16 OPERATES. WITHOUT SUCH LAWS AND AWAY FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY,  
17 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MIGHT FIND IT EASIER AND MORE PERSONALLY  
18 BENEFICIAL TO OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS OR BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.  
19 BY CODIFYING YOUR POLICY INTO LAW, YOU'RE STANDING UP FOR THE  
20 PRINCIPALS OF OPEN GOVERNMENT IN THE FACE OF THIS PROPOSED  
21 BANAL EROSION OF DEMOCRACY. ADDITIONALLY WE ASK YOU TO  
22 PUBLICLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL, THE REPEAL OF WHICH IS ONLY  
23 SLEIGHT OF HAND FOR A SHIFT OF COSTS TO LOCAL ENTITIES, SINCE  
24 THE GOVERNOR DECLARES THAT HE EXPECTS LOCAL BODIES TO DO THE  
25 RIGHT THING. OF COURSE THIS MAKES ENFORCEMENT VIRTUALLY



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1 IMPOSSIBLE SINCE EACH BODY IN EACH CITY AND COUNTY WILL NO  
2 DOUBT COMPLY DIFFERENTLY. AND HAVING JUST RECEIVED AND HEARD  
3 ABOUT THIS MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M SURE WE  
4 STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS MOTION. WE ASK YOU TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE  
5 AND CODIFY YOUR OWN GOOD OPEN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND COME OUT  
6 IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR DAVIS' PROPOSAL FOR WHAT IN REALITY  
7 BECOMES AN UNDEMOCRATIC, UNFUNDED MANDATE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **JULIAN DO:** MY NAME IS JULIAN DO, I'M WITH NEW CALIFORNIA  
12 MEDIA. THIS IS A UNIQUE AND THE ONLY NETWORK OF ETHNIC MEDIAS  
13 IN THE STATES. OUR MEMBERS DEFINE IT A PLUS. AND THE MEDIAS  
14 THAT WE ARE REPRESENTING, INCLUDING AFRICAN-AMERICANS,  
15 RUSSIANS, ARMENIANS, CAMBODIANS, LATINO, VIETNAMESE, NATIVE  
16 AMERICANS, CHINESE, YOU CAN PRACTICALLY NAME VIRTUALLY ALL THE  
17 ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN THIS STATE AND WE HAVE THEM AS OUR  
18 MEMBERS. OUR MISSIONS IS TO RAISE THE VISIBILITY OF OUR ETHNIC  
19 MEDIA MEMBERS BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE ADD THEIR VOICES, THE  
20 CONCERNS THAT THEY REPRESENT, THE COMMUNITIES, AND ADD THAT TO  
21 A LARGER PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND FORUM LIKE THIS. WE'RE HERE AS  
22 MEMBERS OF THE SUNSHINE COALITIONS TO ECHO WHAT KAREN JUST  
23 SAID, THAT OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION'S BECOME VERY IMPORTANT  
24 TO OUR MEMBERS AND THAT WAY ONCE THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION  
25 THEY COULD CONVEY AND DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO THE



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1 AUDIENCE. AND SO WE ALSO WANTED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY  
2 SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY ON THE MOTION OF -- TO REPEAL OF  
3 THE DAVIS PROPOSALS, AND WE WANTED TO URGE YOU TO CODIFY THE  
4 COUNTY'S GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION.  
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **KAREN OCAMB:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC COMMENT, AT 1:00,  
12 WE HAVE -- IT'S A SPECIAL ITEM TO HEAR FROM THE SHERIFF ON THE  
13 BUDGET. PARDON ME? 1:00 IS THE SHERIFF. HAVE WE CHANGED IT?  
14 BEFORE HIM? IT WAS BY 1:00. IT'S 1:00 NOW. I SEE. DOES ANYONE  
15 HAVE AN OBJECTION TO CALLING THE SHERIFF NOW? [ MIXED VOICES  
16 ].

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH RIGHT OKAY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
21 WERE YOU GOING TO...

22

23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD, SHERIFF.



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1  
2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** DO THEY HAVE THEIR DOCUMENTS? FIRST OF ALL,  
3 I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING ME TO COME HERE  
4 TODAY AND COMMENT ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL  
5 YEAR. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND THE  
6 BOARD DEPUTIES AND THINGS THAT WE ALL KNOW ARE NECESSARY, I  
7 THINK HAVE BEEN DONE. THE CURTAILMENT AMOUNT FOR THE FISCAL  
8 YEAR OF 2003/'04 IS ABOUT \$82,400,000. I HAVE IN MY HAND THE  
9 ITEMS THAT THESE REDUCTIONS ARE CATEGORICALLY LISTED, AND I'M  
10 NOT SURE IF EACH BOARD MEMBER HAS A COPY OF WHAT I HAVE, BUT I  
11 THINK THAT IN VIEW OF THE LIST OF THINGS, THAT THIS WAS A VERY  
12 THOROUGH AND EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. I  
13 WANT TO COMMEND THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE STAFF AND MR. JANSSEN FOR  
14 HIS KEEPING A STRONG HAND ON THE PROCESS, AND I THINK THAT  
15 RATHER THAN GO THROUGH EACH ITEM, IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS  
16 THAT YOU MAY HAVE, THE SUM TOTAL IS \$82,400,000. I THINK THAT  
17 IN VIEW OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE STATE, IN VIEW OF THE  
18 UNCERTAINTY OF REVENUES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP TO  
19 THE PLATE AND DID THE TOUGH JOB THAT HAD TO BE DONE, OUR  
20 ROLLING INTO THIS NEW FISCAL YEAR WAS NECESSARY. YOU DON'T  
21 START CUTTING AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. YOU JUST INCREASE  
22 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED WITHIN THE  
23 FISCAL YEAR ITSELF, SO FROM ALL INDICATORS THAT I HAVE,  
24 TALKING TO CHIEF TONAKA AND THE FISCAL STAFF, THAT WE SHOULD



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1 MEET THIS BUDGET GIVEN ALL THE DIFFERENT VARIABLES THAT GO  
2 INTO A BUDGET AS LARGE AS THIS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU A  
5 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. YOU'RE BASICALLY -- HOW ARE YOU PLANNING,  
6 DURING THE COURSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR, TO KEEP YOURSELF -- TO  
7 MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS ON SCHEDULE AS FAR AS THESE  
8 CUT-BACKS ARE CONCERNED? IN OTHER WORDS, I ASSUME YOU'RE  
9 MAKING CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT HIRING AND THE RATE OF HIRING  
10 AND THE RATE OF ATTRITION AND REPLACEMENT, ALTHOUGH I  
11 UNDERSTAND YOUR ATTRITION RATE IS EXTREMELY LOW, I WAS  
12 INFORMED THIS MORNING IT'S LESS THAN 2% WHICH IS YOU MUST BE  
13 DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. THE -- WHAT -- HOW ARE YOU PROPOSING TO  
14 KEEP TRACK OF THE RATE AT WHICH YOUR SAVINGS ARE ACCUMULATING  
15 SO THAT YOU CAN END THE YEAR IN BALANCE? PAUL, DO YOU WANT TO  
16 TAKE THAT?

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** PAUL, GO AHEAD AND ANSWER AND THEN I'LL ADD  
19 IF THERE'S OTHER --

20

21 **PAUL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE ARE DOING IS WE ARE -- WE ARE  
22 IN THE PROCESS AND HAVE PROJECTED OUT, OVER THE COURSE OF THE  
23 NEXT FISCAL YEAR, OUR VACANCY FACTOR, HOW MANY WE ANTICIPATE  
24 LOSING BASED ON OUR HISTORICAL PAST OF ATTRITION PER MONTH. IN  
25 ADDITION, WE ARE TRYING TO PROJECT OUT THE NUMBER OF BODIES WE





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1 ARE GOING TO NEED BASED ON THE RECENT ACQUISITION OF THE  
2 M.T.A. CONTRACT AND A POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL CONTRACT WITH THE  
3 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE. SO TRYING TO FACTOR IN  
4 ATTRITION AND THE CUTS AND COMBINE THAT WITH THE ADDITIONAL  
5 CONTRACTS, WE ARE MAPPING OUT WHERE WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO  
6 BEGIN HIRING AND HOW MUCH -- HOW MANY PEOPLE WE NEED TO HIRE  
7 TO STAY WITHIN --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS YOUR ATTRITION RATE ASSUMPTION THAT  
10 YOU'RE MAKING FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR?

11

12 **PAUL:** ABOUT 360.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS WHAT PERCENT?

15

16 **PAUL:** WELL OUR -- OUR FORCE IS ABOUT 8,000, AND WE LOSE ABOUT,  
17 ON AVERAGE, 30 A MONTH, 30 TO 35 A MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE  
18 MONTH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR FORCE IS 8,000 SWORN? THAT'S ALL? I  
21 THOUGHT IT WAS MORE THAN THAT.

22

23 **PAUL:** I THINK NOW IT'S DOWN TO ABOUT --

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL --



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1

2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** PARDON US FOR THIS SIDE DISCUSSION, BUT IT'S  
3 IN THE RANGE OF THE MID 8,000S.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, IF YOU'RE PLANNING -- AND  
6 YOU'RE PLANNING ON HAVING AN ATTRITION OF 300 AND HOW MANY?  
7 360?

8

9 **PAUL:** ROUGHLY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD APPROXIMATE, LIKE, IN THE 4%  
12 RANGE, AND I'M ADVISED THIS MORNING THAT THE ATTRITION RATE IS  
13 1.7. IS THAT -- IS THAT JUST --

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOT EXACTLY. NO THAT -- THAT'S THE TURNOVER  
16 RATE. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE RETIREMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH OKAY.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SO IT'S PROBABLY -- SO IT'S --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HE'S PROBABLY CLOSE TO IT --

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'RE GOING  
2   TO USE YOUR ADMISSIONS INTO THE ACADEMY ESSENTIALLY AS A VALVE  
3   TO KEEP YOURSELF ON TARGET.

4

5   **PAUL:** THAT'S CORRECT YES SIR.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AMONG OTHER THINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE  
8   POLICING WORKERS' COMP ISSUES AND THINGS LIKE THAT THAT YOU'RE  
9   TRYING TO GET DONE, THIS WILL BE YOUR SAFETY VALVE IN CASE YOU  
10  -- IF NOTHING ELSE IS WORKING?

11

12   **PAUL:** YES. WELL, YOU HAVE A PLAN THAT WE HAVE DRAWN UP FOR THE  
13   EXECUTIVES AND THE SHERIFF AND THAT IS -- THAT PLAN IS  
14   SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THE RISING COSTS OF WORKERS'  
15   COMPENSATION, RETIREE HEALTH AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY, AND  
16   ALSO WE HAVE REQUESTED TO LEGITIMIZE THE FUNDING ON SOME  
17   PREVIOUSLY-UNFUNDED POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR. ALSO, WE, IN OUR  
18   BUDGET THIS YEAR, HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THE SHORTFALL IN REVENUE  
19   THAT WE BELIEVE WE ARE TRYING TO PROJECT OUT WHAT WE BELIEVE  
20   IS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR  
21   AS OPPOSED TO BASING IT ON, AGAIN, HISTORICAL AMOUNTS THAT  
22   WERE USED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WANT TO ASK YOU ON A SEPARATE ISSUE.  
25   THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT LAST WEEK OR A WEEK AND A HALF



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1 AGO, WHENEVER IT WAS, CAME OUT ON THE ISSUE OF THE  
2 UNINCORPORATED -- IT WAS AN INCORPORATED AREA, HOW YOU TRACKED  
3 THE -- I WAS INTERESTED IN THAT. I WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE  
4 ISSUE OF TIMECARDS, GENERALLY, AND I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND FROM  
5 YOU WHERE -- WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS -- FORGET FOR A SECOND  
6 THE TRACKING OF WHERE THE OFFICER WORKS, BUT JUST CAN YOU TELL  
7 ME, DOES EVERY DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO WORKS IN THE DEPARTMENT  
8 TODAY SIGN A TIMECARD?

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** LET ME RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION. THE ISSUE  
11 OF THE TIMECARDS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY MYSELF LAST FRIDAY WITH  
12 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S STAFF, THE AUTHORS PRINCIPALLY  
13 OF THE REPORT. WE HAVE AGREED TO COMMENCE A TIMECARD SYSTEM,  
14 AND I BELIEVE THAT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WERE REPORTED TO THIS  
15 BOARD AS WELL AS TO THE MEDIA WERE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT, IN MY  
16 OPINION, DID NOT HAVE TO OCCUR. MY POSITION ON TIMECARDS IS  
17 WHATEVER WE CAN DO AS AN ORGANIZATION TO CLEARLY EXPLAIN WHAT  
18 WE DO IS A GOOD THING, THAT THE STAFF REPORT PRESENTED TO THE  
19 COUNTY AUDITOR WAS NOT A REPORT THAT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
20 REVIEW. THAT CIRCUMSTANCE HAS BEEN CORRECTED, THAT THE FINAL  
21 DECISION RELATIVE TO HOW WE WILL ACCOUNT FOR WHATEVER IT IS  
22 THAT WE DO WILL BE DONE IN A COLLABORATIVE SENSE. THE COUNTY  
23 AUDITOR CERTAINLY IS HERE TO HELP, NOT TO HINDER, AND THE  
24 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE ALL HAVE TO ADDRESS IN THE COUNTY,  
25 WHETHER IT'S THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENT, IS IS THAT THE MORE WE CAN ACCURATELY EVALUATE  
2 WHAT WE DO, WE MUST DO, AND SO THAT'S OUR GOAL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL LET'S GET BACK TO THE TIMECARD FOR A  
5 SECOND. AND AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE ISSUE, I WANT  
6 TO LEAVE THAT FOR THE NEXT QUESTION, BUT THE QUESTION NOW, OF  
7 YOUR 8,000-PLUS SWORN OFFICERS, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THEM TODAY,  
8 WHEN THEY WENT TO WORK OR WHEN THEY LEAVE WORK, WILL SIGN --  
9 OR AT THE END OF THE WEEK, AT THE END OF THE PAY PERIOD, WILL  
10 SIGN A TIMECARD THAT SAYS, "I WORKED 40 HOURS THIS WEEK," AS  
11 EVERY MEMBER OF MY STAFF DOES.

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY DO NOT SIGN TIMECARDS.  
14 WHAT WE HAVE IS AN IN-SERVICE SHEET WHERE THE SUPERVISORS DO  
15 THE ROLL CALL AND THE IN-SERVICE SHEET HAS THE ASSIGNMENT THAT  
16 THEY'RE TO WORK AND THE AMOUNT OF HOURS THAT THEY'RE TO WORK  
17 IN THAT ASSIGNMENT. ONCE THAT EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY  
18 THE SUPERVISOR AS BEING PRESENT, THEN THE SUPERVISOR SIGNS THE  
19 IN-SERVICE SHEET FOR THE ENTIRE SHIFT OF EMPLOYEES. THAT IN-  
20 SERVICE SHEET ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE  
21 SICK, THOSE WHO ARE OFF ON THEIR NORMAL DAYS OFF, AND THAT IT  
22 GOES TO THE TIME KEEPER. AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR YEARS IN  
23 THE PERIOD THAT I'VE WATCHED THIS PROCESS, IS WE DO NEGATIVE  
24 POSTING. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VARIABLES OF EXCEPTION ARE WHAT  
25 THE TIME KEEPER USES IN THE C.W. TAP SYSTEM. AND SO IN MY



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1 OPINION, IT WORKS, BUT IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE FUNDAMENTAL  
2 AUDABILITY QUESTION THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR WAS CONCERNED  
3 ABOUT, WHICH I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT. SO I THINK THAT WHAT WE  
4 ARE LOOKING AT, IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUDITOR, IS HOW DO  
5 WE MIGRATE INTO THE TIMECARD ENVIRONMENT AND WE'RE LOOKING AT  
6 THREE SHERIFF'S STATIONS RIGHT NOW AS A PILOT TO GET THIS BALL  
7 ROLLING.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PILOT WAS GOING TO BE  
10 FOR THE OTHER ISSUE, WHICH IS TO TRY TO ACCOUNT FOR WHERE EACH  
11 SHERIFF --

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO THAT WAS FOR TIMECARDS --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS FOR TIMECARDS.

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BUT WE CAN DO BOTH. THE NATURE OF PARALLEL  
18 ACCOUNTING FOR A CONTRACT VERSUS UNINCORPORATED REQUIRES SOME  
19 DESIGN, WHICH I'VE ASKED THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HELP US WITH,  
20 THAT TO JUST SAY TIMECARDS IS A STARTING POINT, BUT THEN THE  
21 DESIGN OF HOW THESE CARDS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IS VERY  
22 CRITICAL, BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE CALL IN SICK OR THERE'S CHANGES  
23 IN THE STAFFING OF THE FACILITY, THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
24 UNINCORPORATED PEOPLE ONE DAY WORKING ON A CONTRACT





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1 ENVIRONMENT, THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE IN A CONTRACT  
2 ENVIRONMENT ONE DAY WORKING UNINCORPORATED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME UNDERSTAND, THEN, THE CURRENT SYSTEM  
5 AT LOST HILL STATIONS OR AT SAN DIMAS OR ANY PARTICULAR  
6 DIVISION. I'M A DEPUTY SHERIFF. I COME IN TO WORK THIS  
7 MORNING, I WORK MY 8-HOUR SHIFT. SUPPOSE I EVEN HAD TWO HOURS  
8 OF OVERTIME CAUSE OF AN INCIDENT OR SOMETHING. I DON'T EVER  
9 FILL OUT A TIMECARD, I DON'T PUNCH A CLOCK, I DON'T SIGN  
10 SOMETHING THAT SAYS I ATTESTED I WORKED. IT'S UP TO MY  
11 CAPTAIN?

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO, IT'S UP TO THE SUPERVISOR TO --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY SERGEANT?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES, ON BOTH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE NORMAL EIGHT  
18 HOURS AND THEN THE OVERTIME SLIP IS ACTUALLY NOW PRE-APPROVED.  
19 YOU CANNOT WORK OVERTIME AND THEN TURN IN A SLIP LATER SAYING,  
20 "I WORKED THREE HOURS." YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SUPERVISOR AND  
21 SAY, "MY NORMAL SHIFT IS TERMINATING, I HAVE MORE WORK, I NEED  
22 AUTHORIZATION TO WORK THE OVERTIME." BUT IT'S ALL -- THE  
23 OVERTIME SLIP IS, IN FACT, SIGNED MUCH LIKE A TIMECARD IS WITH  
24 THE SUPERVISOR APPROVING IT.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE DEPUTY HIMSELF OR HERSELF NEVER, NEVER  
2    DOES A THING, NEVER FILLS OUT ANY--

3

4    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO. IN OVERTIME, IT IS A TIMECARD SYSTEM.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT STRAIGHT TIME, REGULAR SHIFT?

7

8    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN STRAIGHT TIME, REGULAR SHIFT, NO.

9

10    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW DO YOU -- HOW DO YOU HOLD A DEPUTY  
11    SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE? BEFORE I ASK THAT, I -- ONE OF YOUR  
12    SUBORDINATES HERE IS -- LOOKS LIKE HE MAY WANT TO SAY  
13    SOMETHING, SO I'LL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO SET THE RECORD  
14    STRAIGHT HERE BEFORE.

15

16    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS PRETTY MUCH IT. THE  
17    SUPERVISOR DOES A ROLL CALL MUCH LIKE YOU SEE IN SOME OF THESE  
18    T.V. SHOWS. DEPUTY JONES, ARE YOU HERE? YES. I'M A WARM BODY.  
19    ARE YOU WILLING AND READY TO GO TO WORK? I THINK SO. YOU'RE  
20    IN. THE SUPERVISOR IS THE KEY TO ACCOUNTING FOR THE PRESENCE  
21    OF THE EMPLOYEE AND WHERE THEY'RE WORKING.

22

23    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING?

24

25    **PAUL:** OH NO, NO, SIR.



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SO WE WANT TO GRADUATE IT TO THE STEP OF THE  
5 TIMECARDS, WHERE IT ISN'T JUST THE EMPLOYEE WITH A SUPERVISOR  
6 CERTIFYING IT THAT THE EMPLOYEE WILL CERTIFY AND SIGN HIS  
7 TIMECARD PROPOSES AND THEN THE SUPERVISOR --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU ARE PROPOSING TO GO INTO A SYSTEM  
10 WHERE THE EMPLOYEE ALSO CERTIFIES --

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YEAH THAT'S -- THAT'S WHAT THE COUNTY  
13 AUDITOR AND I DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, AND I APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR  
14 THIS WHOLE CONDITION OF MISUNDERSTANDING, BECAUSE MY POLICY TO  
15 MY SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATORS IS SIMPLY, "GET THE WORK DONE."  
16 YOU KNOW, THE BUREAUCRACY CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SHERIFF IF HE'S  
17 IN WASHINGTON OR WHEREVER I AM BEGGING FOR MONEY, AS YOU WOULD  
18 EXPECT, AND SO THEY SEND IT OVER WITH THE IDEA IN MIND THAT  
19 THIS IS SOMETHING I WOULD NOT OBJECT TO.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH THIS -- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT PREDATES  
22 YOU AND TIMECARDS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON MY RADAR  
23 SCREEN ALMOST SINCE THE DAY I GOT HERE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN  
24 PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU WERE ELECTED SHERIFF,  
25 PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO MOVE TO



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1 A TIMECARD SYSTEM, AND I WAS SURPRISED THAT -- TO LEARN THAT  
2 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS I REMEMBER THEM, HAVE NOT -- HAD NOT  
3 BEEN IMPLEMENTED, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT, FROM WHAT YOU SAID  
4 AND FROM WHAT I HEARD IN YOUR MEETING WITH THE AUDITOR, THAT  
5 YOU'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. I GUESS YOUR GOAL IS TO DO  
6 THAT ALL IN THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, ON BOTH THE ACCOUNTING ON  
7 THE INCORPORATED VERSUS CONTRACT CITY ISSUE AND AS WELL -- I'M  
8 SORRY, UNINCORPORATED VERSUS CONTRACT CITY ISSUE AS WELL AS  
9 THE STANDARD ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE THAT THE TIMECARD OFFERS.  
10 ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT -- I'M GOING TO ASK -- LET SOME OTHER FOLKS  
11 ASK QUESTIONS. I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING GENERALLY ABOUT  
12 YOUR APPROACH ON THIS. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES, AND I  
13 WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND THANK YOU, BUT I WANT TO PARTICULARLY  
14 COMMEND YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE TAKING SOME HEAT FOR SOME OF THE  
15 THINGS YOU'RE DOING, AND IT'S NOT EASY, VERY OFTEN, TO EXPLAIN  
16 IN AN EIGHT-SECOND SOUND BITE WHY YOU'RE DOING SOME OF THE  
17 THINGS YOU'RE DOING, BUT I THINK IT SPEAKS WELL FOR YOU AND  
18 FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT YOU DO RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE LEAN  
19 YEARS, WE'RE ALL GOING TO TAKE SOME HITS AND YOU CERTAINLY ARE  
20 DOING THAT HERE WITH THE GOAL IN MIND NOT TO DIMINISH THE  
21 QUALITY OF DIRECT LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS, AND I  
22 THINK THAT YOUR APPROACH, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS GOING TO BE  
23 TO TRY TO NIP AROUND THE EDGES WHICH DON'T AFFECT DIRECT  
24 PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, BUT MORE -- MAYBE MORE  
25 OF AN INCONVENIENCE INTERNALLY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION.



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1 OBVIOUSLY HOW IT ALL WORKS OUT DURING THE COURSE OF THE FISCAL  
2 YEAR, WE'LL ALL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING, BUT AT LEAST YOU'VE  
3 SET THAT MARKER AND, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THAT'S -- I THINK  
4 THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. AND IN THE GOOD YEARS, HOPEFULLY  
5 THAT WILL BE -- CERTAINLY WILL BE REMEMBERED OR TAKEN INTO  
6 CONSIDERATION, BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE TO BE -- WE HAVE TO BE  
7 FLEXIBLE AS EACH YEAR COMES ALONG AND UNDERSTAND THE  
8 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE OPERATE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU  
9 AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE APPROACH YOU'VE TAKEN THIS TIME AND I  
10 THINK WITH SOME OF THE OTHER INVESTMENTS THAT THE BOARD HAS  
11 MADE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS ON SOME OF YOUR STATIONS AND  
12 THINGS, IT'S THE INFRASTRUCTURE PIECE CONTINUES TO MOVE SO  
13 THAT WHEN THINGS DO TURN, AS WE HOPE THEY WILL AND EXPECT THEY  
14 WILL AT SOME POINT IN TIME, YOU'LL BE IN A POSITION TO HIT THE  
15 GROUND RUNNING WITH AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF HIRING, AND HAVE  
16 THE KINDS OF FACILITIES THAT YOU NEED TO OPERATE. SO MS.  
17 BURKE?

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19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR, AND  
20 I THINK THE BOARD HAS PROACTIVELY AND PROGRESSIVELY DEALT WITH  
21 A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM, AND THE FACT THAT WE CAN TRAVEL TO  
22 WASHINGTON ON OCCASION, TO KEEP ON DESCRIBING WHAT THE  
23 DIFFICULTIES ARE IN THE COUNTY ARE ENLIGHTENING TO ME  
24 PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY AND I THINK THAT THE STATE IS



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1 CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO STOP THIS COUNTY FROM DOING ITS VERY  
2 BEST TO DEAL WITH A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I HAVE A FEW  
5 QUESTIONS. YOU HAVE FIELD DEPUTIES. HOW MANY FIELD DEPUTIES DO  
6 YOU HAVE?

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, PAUL AND I -- PAUL SAID 8,000. I THINK  
9 IT'S MORE.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO I DON'T MEAN DEPUTIES. I MEAN THESE ARE  
12 FIELD DEPUTIES. I THINK THAT THEY ARE NOT -- I'M NOT -- THEY  
13 AREN'T SWORN. THESE ARE --

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15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** OH, YOU MEAN -- YOU MEAN MY FIELD DEPUTIES?  
16 THREE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE THREE? NOW WHAT DO THEY DO,  
19 EXACTLY?

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21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** ONE DEALS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,  
22 WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT HERE, THE EMBASSIES, MEANING THE CONSUL-  
23 GENERAL'S OFFICES, THE FLOW FROM SEVERAL OF THE OFFICES OF THE  
24 CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES IS RATHER SIGNIFICANT WITH THE  
25 DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DON'T HAVE AS MUCH





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1 BUSINESS WITH US, BUT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN  
2 COUNTRIES DO, SO RATHER THAN USE A SWORN PERSON, WE USE A  
3 CIVILIAN IN THAT REGARD, AND WE DID THIS WITH THE INTEREST OF  
4 REDUCING FUNDS, AGAIN. IN THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION, THIS WAS  
5 ALL DONE BY SWORN PEOPLE. ANOTHER ONE HAS COMPLETE  
6 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY, WHICH AGAIN IN  
7 VIEW OF THE HATE CRIMES ISSUES AND THE CUT-BACKS THAT WE'VE  
8 HAD IN THE HATE CRIMES TASKFORCE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE  
9 RELIGIOUS HARMONY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I BELIEVE  
10 PARTICULARLY NEEDS TO BE FULLY COORDINATED, ALONG WITH THE  
11 ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE AND THE OTHER GROUPS THAT ARE IN THE  
12 COMMUNITY TRYING TO KEEP THIS MOST DIVERSE PLACE OF THE WORLD  
13 STAYING IN A HARMONIOUS FASHION, WITH ESPECIALLY THE LAW  
14 ENFORCEMENT AS ONE OF THE OVERARCHING COORDINATING AGENCIES.  
15 AND THEN FINALLY, IN THE REALM OF THE CONTRACT CITY WORLD, AS  
16 WELL AS ALL THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL THINGS THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED IN WHETHER IT'S FEDERAL, STATE, OR  
18 LOCAL, ONE DEPUTY DEALS IN THAT REGARD. SO THOSE ARE THE THREE  
19 BASIC BROAD CATEGORIES OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THESE FULL-TIME PEOPLE?

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23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEY'RE PAID ABOUT HOW MUCH?



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, BUT IT'S IN THE RANGE,  
3 I ASSUME, OF WHATEVER THE COUNTY PROVIDES. THESE POSITIONS  
4 WERE PREEXISTING POSITIONS THAT SOME WERE USED BY MY  
5 PREDECESSOR AND SOME WERE NOT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS, LIKE, PROFESSIONAL AND  
8 SPECIALIZED SERVICES THAT YOU'RE REQUESTING, ABOUT \$10 MILLION  
9 IN ADDITION FOR THAT. AND WHAT'S COVERED BY THAT?

10

11 **PAUL:** I'M GOING TO GET THAT FOR YOU IN ONE SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD JUST HAVE THAT. 6  
14 MILLION -- 6.6 MILLION FOR SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSES MORE  
15 THAN LAST YEAR.

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17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'M -- I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THOSE  
18 CATEGORIES, BUT --

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL IF WE COULD JUST GET A RESPONSE LATER,  
21 THAT'S FINE. VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS, TWO MILLION, WHICH IS TWICE  
22 AS MUCH AS LAST YEAR. SO IF WE COULD JUST GET SOME OF THESE --  
23 A RESPONSE ON SOME OF THESE.

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1   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CAN REPORT BACK ON ALL OF THESE,  
2   SUPERVISOR.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF WE COULD GET A REPORT BACK ON  
5   THEM. I KNOW A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IS NOT SUBSTANTIAL, BUT I  
6   GUESS THERE'S A REQUEST FOR DIGITAL COLOR COP -- TWO DIGITAL  
7   COPIERS FOR 500,000, WHICH ARE KIND OF EXPENSIVE, 500,000.  
8   THAT'S A MISPRINT? CAN WE GET A RESPONSE ON THAT, TOO?

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO COPIERS FOR 500,000?

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SAYS, "PRESENTATIONS," "FOR PRESENTATIONS."  
13   SO ANY RATE, COULD WE JUST GET SOME FEEDBACK ON SOME OF THESE  
14   THINGS? YOU KNOW, WE'RE TRYING TO CUT BACK ON EVERYTHING,  
15   CLOSING LIBRARIES, NO BOOKS FOR THE KIDS AND ALL THESE THINGS  
16   SO THAT, YOU KNOW, I TELL YOU HONESTLY, THE 500,000, I THINK I  
17   COULD KEEP ALL THE LIBRARIES IN MY DISTRICT OPEN.

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19   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT ALL OF US  
20   --

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT I COULD KEEP AT LEAST  
23   TWO OF THEM -- TWO MORE -- TWO OF THEM.

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25   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** -- IN OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IS --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE'S 184,000.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND I'VE PARTICULARLY AVOIDED MAKING  
5 COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS SPEND THEIR MONEY ON --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KNOW. I'M JUST SIMPLY SAYING THE REASON  
8 I'M -- 500,000 SOUNDS LIKE A PIDDLY LITTLE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN  
9 YOUR BUDGET, BUT IN SOME OF THE THINGS I'M DEALING WITH --

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, LET ME SAY THIS. WE'LL GET YOU THE  
12 ANSWER TO THIS, BUT COPYING MACHINES, AT THE LEVEL THAT THIS  
13 DEPARTMENT COPIES DOCUMENTS, ARE NOT NECESSARILY UNREASONABLE.  
14 IF THEY'RE LOOKING FOR MACHINES THAT WILL PRODUCE HIGH VOLUME,  
15 THEN MAYBE THAT'S THE EXPLANATION FOR THIS COST, BUT I WOULD -  
16 -

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT MAY BE A PRINTER RATHER THAN A COPYING  
19 MACHINE, I MEAN A BONAFIDE PRINTER, CAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE  
20 ANYTHING ELSE COSTING THAT MUCH OTHER THAN A REGULAR PRINTER.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT MAY BE A MISSTATEMENT.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, BUT WE'LL GET AN ANSWER ON THAT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET AN ANSWER. THOSE WERE THE ONLY  
2    QUESTIONS I HAD.

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT BUDGET SHORTFALL UNDER  
7    THE PROPOSED BUDGET?

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9    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL CURRENTLY WE'RE AROUND AN \$84,400,000  
10    CURTAILMENT WITHIN THIS FISCAL YEAR THAT IS ABOUT TO CONCLUDE  
11    AND THEN AS I EARLIER STATED WE'LL HAVE AN \$82,400,000  
12    CURTAILMENT COMING UP.

13

14    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$82MILLION SHORTFALL?

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16    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT'S THE NEXT YEAR, WE'RE AT 84 MILLION  
17    CURRENTLY.

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19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT INCLUDES WORKERS' COMP, OR IS THAT  
20    SEPARATE?

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22    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IT INCLUDES -- A PORTION OF THAT IS WORKERS'  
23    COMP.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT CUTS ARE YOU NOW BEING FORCED TO  
2   MAKE AS A RESULT OF THIS 80-PLUS MILLION-DOLLAR SHORTFALL?

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4   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** ESSENTIALLY WE HAVE, AS WIDELY PUBLICIZED,  
5   RELEASED INMATES WITH HALF SENTENCES SERVED, AND CLOSED A  
6   FACILITY, THE LYNWOOD REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER, SAVING \$15  
7   MILLION ANNUALLY. WE'VE ALSO REDUCED DOWN PORTIONS OF THE MAIN  
8   CENTRAL JAIL, THE OLD COMPLEX, WHICH HAS ALLOWED US TO SAVE A  
9   PORTION OF THAT \$15 MILLION. OF COURSE SERVICES, TRIAL COURT  
10   FUNDING, AS YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN SHORTENED OVER THE YEARS  
11   TRADITIONALLY, AND WE'VE FINALLY FACED UP TO THE REALITY THAT  
12   WE CAN'T SUBSIDIZE THE COURTS WITHOUT PROPER FUNDS, AND SO A  
13   \$16 MILLION CURTAILMENT WAS PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED CONCERNING  
14   COURT SERVICES. WE CONTINUE TO CUT BACK THE COMMUNITY-BASED  
15   POLICING PROGRAM TO A TUNE OF ABOUT \$6 MILLION.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT YOUR "COPS" PROGRAM?

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19   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. AND THEN WE HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY  
20   REDUCING OVERTIME. CURRENTLY, BY USING A VARIETY OF METHODS TO  
21   ASSIGN PEOPLE FROM WHAT THEY NORMALLY WOULD DO TO THE HIGH  
22   OVERTIME AREAS IN THE JAIL, PRIMARILY, SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
23   CUT ABOUT \$30 MILLION OUT OF THE OVERTIME BUDGET. THE OFFICE  
24   OF HOMELAND SECURITY HAS INCURRED A \$150,000 REDUCTION. THE  
25   VARIOUS PATROL STATIONS WITHIN THE REGIONS HAVE REDUCED THEIR





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1 FUNDING BY \$7 MILLION. AND THESE ARE JUVENILE PROGRAMS, SUCH  
2 AS THE VIDA PROGRAM AND DETECTIVES AND PATROL PERSONNEL AS  
3 WELL. THE LEADERSHIP AND CHAIN DIVISION HAS BEEN CURTAILED BY  
4 \$2 MILLION, AND THIS ELIMINATES OR REDUCES DOWN SOME OF OUR  
5 PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS, EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM,  
6 AND SOME OF THE EFFECTS OF COORDINATING BETWEEN INTERNAL  
7 AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL CRIMINALS BUREAU. THE TECHNICAL SERVICES  
8 DIVISION ELIMINATED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC DATABASES,  
9 OF WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST US IN THE BACKLOG OF  
10 REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE JUST FOR DATA TO THE TUNE OF \$615,000.  
11 THEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REDUCED ITS BUDGET  
12 BY CLOSE TO \$900,000. AND AGAIN, THIS IS PART OF THE  
13 ADMINISTRATIVE REDUCTION WITH CONTRACTS AND THE THINGS THAT WE  
14 HAVE TO DO TO NEGOTIATE AND DEVELOP CONTRACTS. AND THE  
15 EXECUTIVE DIVISION WAS REDUCED BY \$900,000, OF WHICH ALLOWS US  
16 TO ELIMINATE SOME THINGS. WE DO HAVE A LIBRARY THAT WE HAD TO  
17 CLOSE WITHIN OUR OWN STRUCTURE, WHICH I'M SURE ALL OF US ARE  
18 SENSITIVE ABOUT, AND LIBRARIES ARE A VITAL RESOURCE TO THIS  
19 COUNTY. SO THAT WAS, AGAIN, A \$900,000 CURTAILMENT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT YOUR UNITS, YOUR GANG UNITS?

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23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL THE GANG UNITS ARE INTACT. I BELIEVE  
24 THAT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US NOT TO, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY



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1 ALLUDED TO, NOT TO HIT TO THE CORE OF WHAT REALLY IS A CRUCIAL  
2 LIFE-AFFECTING SERVICE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ISN'T THE "COPS" PROGRAM ONE OF THOSE CORE  
5 PROGRAMS?

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7 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** INDEED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S BEING CUT HERE, OR ELIMINATED?

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11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE CUT A LITTLE BONE THERE.

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15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE CUT A SIGNIFICANT BONE IN REDUCING THE  
16 COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING PROGRAMS, IN CLOSING JAILS, AND IN  
17 EARLY RELEASING INMATES. THIS IS A CORE MISSION THAT I, BY  
18 LAW, AS A CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS COUNTY, HAVE  
19 TO MAINTAIN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND A LOT OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE RELEASED  
22 ARE ON A PLEA BARGAIN FROM A SERIOUS CRIME TO A MISDEMEANOR,  
23 AND I KNOW THERE ARE MANY SERIOUS FELONY ASSAULTS THAT ARE  
24 BROUGHT DOWN TO A 415 MISDEMEANOR. SO YOU HAVE -- YOU KNOW,



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1 YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF -- BECAUSE OF THE STATE CUT-BACKS,  
2 OF RELEASING HARD CORE DANGEROUS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, WE -- SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE BEEN VERY  
5 JUDICIOUS IN WHO WE RELEASE. WE HAVE A --

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE NOT RELEASING SUNDAY  
8 SCHOOLTEACHERS.

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10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO, WE'RE NOT RELEASING SUNDAY  
11 SCHOOLTEACHERS.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW LAST YEAR YOU TOOK AN \$84.4 MILLION CUT.  
14 THIS YEAR YOU'RE SUPPORTING AN \$82.4 MILLION. THAT'S NEARLY  
15 \$167 MILLION, YOU KNOW, HOW MANY BONES DO YOU HAVE LEFT THAT  
16 YOU CAN SACRIFICE?

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TOO MANY MORE LEFT  
19 TO GO. I THINK WE'RE AT THE LIMIT AND THIS IS WHY WE HAVE TO  
20 WORK MORE COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER TO CONTINUE TO FIND A WAY  
21 TO MEET OUR BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT DO IT IN SUCH A  
22 WAY THAT WE DON'T FURTHER JEOPARDIZE PUBLIC SAFETY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT PROP 172? WHERE ARE YOU ON THAT  
25 FUNDING?



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE TRENDING ON 172, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S  
3 BEEN INCREMENTAL INCREASES OR GAINS, BUT I WOULD SAY THAT  
4 THERE'S BEEN, IN OUR BUDGET, A REDUCTION PROPOSAL OF ABOUT \$21  
5 MILLION, AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT THAT'S PRUDENT TO UNDERVALUE  
6 PROP 172'S FUNDS. IF, IN FACT, 172 OVER-REALIZES ITS  
7 PROJECTION, IT GIVES THIS COUNTY, AND PARTICULARLY THE  
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A MARGIN OF BREATHING ROOM, WHICH IS, I  
9 THINK, VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN LOOKING AT YOUR REPORTS ON RESPONSE TIME,  
12 I KNOW IN SOME OF THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THIS COUNTY, IT IS A  
13 LONG TIME TO RESPOND TO A CALL, AND A \$160.8 MILLION CUT  
14 WITHIN TWO YEARS IS GOING TO FURTHER IMPACT THAT. I KNOW YOUR  
15 PROGRAM DEALING -- WAS IT VIVA?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** VIDA, V-I-D-A.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VIDA PROGRAM WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM  
20 DEALING WITH POTENTIAL GANG MEMBERS AND GETTING THEM BACK INTO  
21 SCHOOL AND GIVING THEM THE DISCIPLINE AND ORIENTATION AND  
22 SUPPORT TO BE RESPONSIBLE. AND AGAIN, ALONG WITH THE COPS  
23 PROGRAM, WHICH WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
24 AND ZONING AND WORKING TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE  
25 BLIGHTED, DRUG-INFESTED AREAS, STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE



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1 COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T REALLY SHORTCHANGE PUBLIC  
2 SAFETY, AND WE HAVE TO DO MORE TO FIND OTHER REVENUES TO  
3 SUPPORT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO THAT THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE  
4 MAINTAINED, AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, EXPANDED, BUT JUST TO MAINTAIN  
5 THEM INSTEAD OF CUTTING THEM OFF, AND WE SAY WE'RE CUTTING THE  
6 BONES, THE ONLY BONE LEFT IS GOING TO BE THE MIDDLE FINGER,  
7 AND WE CAN'T HAVE THAT. THE PUBLIC DEMANDS FULL SUPPORT. THE  
8 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT PUTTING MORE  
9 PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD, MORE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL IN THE  
10 FIELD AND PATROLLED ASSISTANT, HAVE WE EXAMINED SOME OF THOSE  
11 IDEAS THAT THEY'RE EXPLORING RIGHT NOW?

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. I -- WE BELIEVE THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS  
14 ARE ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO HAVE, AND IT'S BEEN ASKED AND IT'S  
15 BEEN ANSWERED BY CHIEF BRADEN WHEREIN HE SAYS WE NEED 12,000  
16 POLICE OFFICERS AND, YOU KNOW, MY BELIEF IS THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
17 DEPARTMENT NEEDS 10,000 SWORN PERSONNEL. WE KNOW HOW TO WRAP  
18 UP EFFECTIVE POLICING. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AN  
19 INCREDIBLE JOB WITH THIS BOARD OVER THE YEARS IN SPITE OF WHAT  
20 COULD BE CONSIDERED SOME DIFFICULT TIMES. AND WITH OUR  
21 PARTNERS IN A CONTRACTING WORLD, WE COME UP WITH EXTRAORDINARY  
22 COST SAVINGS POLICING SYSTEMS. A LOT OF IT IS NOT SEEN  
23 NECESSARILY BY THE BOARD BECAUSE WE FOCUS ON COUNTY-WIDE  
24 SERVICES AND COUNTY SERVICES, BUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE  
25 DOLLAR IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY THROUGH THESE



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1 INDEPENDENT CITIES AND SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE M.T.A., AND THEN  
2 WE ALSO HAVE THIS BOARD HERE THAT LOOKS AT HOW THINGS ARE  
3 BEING DONE. WHEN YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS  
4 UNPRECEDENTED, THERE IS NO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN  
5 AMERICA THAT HAS SO MANY EYES AND EARS AND OVERSEERS AS TO  
6 WHAT'S GOING ON THAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE 10,000 SWORN PEOPLE,  
7 WE COULD GET A LOT OF BANG FOR THAT BUCK IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
8 SENSE. AND I AGREE THAT IF WE HAD A FUNDING STREAM THAT WAS  
9 CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING THAT, THEN WE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH  
10 THOSE FUNDS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, AND I'M REALLY HEARTENED TO  
11 SAY THIS, ALTHOUGH WE'VE REDUCED DOWN OUR COMMUNITY-BASED  
12 POLICING, THERE ARE PARTS OF OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT  
13 HAVE NOT SEEN THAT HARDEST OF EFFECT, AND ONE IS THE EAST LOS  
14 ANGELES UNINCORPORATED AREA WHERE, AS OF THIS POINT, WE'VE  
15 ONLY HAD TWO MURDERS, AND THIS IS A PLACE WHERE WE'VE FLOODED  
16 THAT NEIGHBORHOOD WITH COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING PERSONNEL. NOW  
17 WE'VE PULLED THEM OUT, BUT THE GANG BANGERS HAVEN'T QUITE  
18 FIGURED IT OUT YET, AND THAT'S TO THE CREDIT OF ALL OF US  
19 HERE, YOU KNOW, THE STAFF, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WORKS DILIGENTLY  
20 ON THE ISSUES OF GANG-RELATED VIOLENCE. MY PEOPLE AT THE  
21 STATION ARE CONSTANTLY ON THE POINT WITH THE ISSUE. SO I THINK  
22 WE'RE, AS A COUNTY, HOLDING OUR WATER, AND BUT I HAVE TO KEEP  
23 MY FINGERS CROSSED THAT THE DAM DOESN'T BREAK.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAD A QUESTION. SHERIFF, IF YOU'D  
3 NOT SECURED THE M.T.A. CONTRACT AND THE REVENUE THAT IS  
4 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, HOW MANY DEPUTY SHERIFFS WOULD YOU HAVE  
5 HAD TO, YOU KNOW, EITHER LAY OFF OR MOVE AROUND, YOU KNOW,  
6 PARTICULARLY WITH THE MAGNITUDE, YOU KNOW, YOUR DEPARTMENT'S  
7 NET COUNTY COSTS AND THE ISSUES YOU'RE BEING -- THE REDUCTIONS  
8 OVER THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS?

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10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT ONE? ALL RIGHT.  
11 THE NET EFFECT OF THE REDUCTIONS IS, IN THE PAST -- OR, RATHER  
12 THE CURRENT --

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN I KNOW WHAT THE REDUCTIONS ARE, BUT WHAT  
15 WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD YOU NOT SECURED THE TOTAL M.T.A.  
16 CONTRACT, THE TOTAL M.T.A. CONTRACT YOU JUST GOT AND THE  
17 REVENUE THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THAT?

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19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE CUTS WOULD'VE BEEN EVEN MORE DRACONIAN  
20 THAN WHAT THEY ARE NOW, AND I THINK THAT, TO THE CREDIT OF  
21 THIS BOARD, AND TO THE CREDIT ACTUALLY OF THE M.T.A., BECAUSE  
22 THE ADMINISTRATORS THERE WERE SEEKING A CHANGE, AND THIS WAS  
23 THE PROFESSIONALS THAT RUN THAT SYSTEM SAYING TO THE M.T.A.  
24 BOARD, "THIS IS WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR OUR OWN SECURITY,"  
25 AND HAD THEY NOT EXTENDED THAT CONTRACT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND



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1   AWARDED IT IN THE FASHION THEY DID, WE WOULD HAVE 4 OR \$5  
2   MILLION OF MORE CUTS TO MAKE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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4   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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6   **SUP. MOLINA:** MY ONLY --

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8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. MOLINA.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. COULD YOU --

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12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. I FORGOT I WAS CHAIRING THE MEETING,  
13   SO I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I'M HERE. I RECOGNIZE MS.  
14   MOLINA.

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MY ONLY ISSUE HAS BEEN THE MOST RECENT  
17   INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE WITH  
18   REGARD TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AND THE CONTRACT CITIES. AND  
19   I HOPE WE'RE ALL ON TRACK ON TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE  
20   OF WHERE WE ARE AND HOW MUCH IS WHAT AND SO ON. I THINK THAT -  
21   - I MEAN, IT'S A TWO-EDGED SWORD, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT  
22   AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF EXACTLY  
23   WHAT SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED AND WHERE DEPUTIES ARE AT AND  
24   WHAT THE KIND OF TIME IS THAT'S BEING USED AND WHETHER PEOPLE  
25   ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY BILLED OR NOT BILLED. I THINK WE NEED



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1 TO KNOW THAT. SO I THINK WE'RE ON TRACK AS FAR AS TRYING TO  
2 MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING TO A POINT OF AGREEMENT AS TO HOW  
3 WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED. IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE, SUPERVISOR. THE --  
6 OBVIOUSLY THE --

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** 'CAUSE THE AUDITOR MADE A SERIES OF  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS. RIGHT?

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11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. FIVE.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE ADOPTED BY THE  
14 DEPARTMENT. CORRECT?

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16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I THINK THAT -- AND SO WE SHOULD BE ON TRACK,  
19 THAT MAYBE BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE'LL HAVE A BETTER DATABASE  
20 FROM WHICH TO WORK FROM?

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22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I THINK THAT'S A REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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3    **PAUL:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, MAY I MAKE A CLARIFICATION SIR.  
4    WITH REGARD TO WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE MENTIONED, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
5    WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD, OUR STAFF, IN THE SHERIFF'S  
6    DEPARTMENT WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AND THE -- C.A.O.'S  
7    OFFICE IN TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET THAT WAS ACCURATELY  
8    REFLECTIVE OF REVENUE AND COSTS. WE'VE LEARNED IN STUDYING OUR  
9    HISTORICAL FIGURES THAT FIGURES WERE CARRIED OVER FROM YEAR TO  
10    YEAR JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE THERE, AND IN -- AND I APOLOGIZE  
11    FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF WHY WE  
12    SHOW INCREASES IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF OUR SERVICE AND  
13    SUPPLIES BUDGET REQUESTS, AND WE'LL PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION  
14    FOR YOU IN DETAIL, BUT I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THE REASON FOR  
15    SOME OF THESE CHANGES AND APPARENT LARGE CHANGES UP OR DOWN IS  
16    BECAUSE WE'VE TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR BUDGET IS ALIGNED SO  
17    THAT IT REFLECTS ACCURATE REVENUE AND EXPENSES. AND AS FAR AS  
18    ALONG THOSE LINES, WE HAVE MENTIONED, THE SHERIFF HAS  
19    MENTIONED THAT WE ARE BRACING OURSELVES FOR AN \$82.4 MILLION  
20    SHORTFALL AND CUT THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR. IN REALITY, THROUGH  
21    THE GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
22    OFFICE, WE ARE BRACED FOR A \$75.4 MILLION CURTAILMENT ON THE  
23    BOOKS, AND THE OTHER -- AND THE REASON IS IS WE HAVE NOT YET  
24    HAD OUR BUDGET REDUCED BY A POTENTIAL REVENUE REDUCTION OF AN  
25    ADDITIONAL \$7 MILLION. SO AT THIS TIME, OUR BUDGET STANDS TO



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1 BE CURTAILED BY \$75.4 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE C.A.O.'S  
2 OFFICE.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WELL THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.  
5 ANYTHING ELSE? BEFORE WE EXCUSE THE SHERIFF? IF NOT, THANK YOU  
6 VERY MUCH.

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO  
11 DO WITH THIS ONE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH WE HAVE SOME OTHERS WHO WANTED TO BE  
16 HEARD.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS ROY BURNS HERE? ALL RIGHT. WHOEVER IS  
21 REPRESENTING --

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK STEVE RIGBY AND JOHN REES WERE --  
24 ARE THEY -- ARE YOU TAKING ROY BURNS' PLACE OR? OKAY. THEY'RE  
25 TAKING HIS PLACE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. IF YOU COULD JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELVES  
3 WHEN YOU START SPEAKING FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU. WHOEVER  
4 WANTS TO GO FIRST.

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6 **STEVE REMIGE:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS  
7 STEVE REMIGE, AND I SERVE AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE  
8 ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFF'S, ALADS. THE  
9 CERTIFIED BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORE THAN 7,000 DEPUTY  
10 SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS. I'M HERE TODAY  
11 ON BEHALF OF ALL THE DEDICATED ALAD'S MEMBERS TO REITERATE OUR  
12 LONGSTANDING AND DEEPLY-HELD BELIEF THAT PUBLIC SAFETY MUST BE  
13 MAINTAINED AT ALL COSTS AND THAT ACROSS THE BOARD BUDGET CUT-  
14 BACKS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC SAFETY, INCUR SEVERE  
15 DAMAGE TO THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICE WE PROVIDE FOR LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY BUDGET IS IN A  
17 DEFICIT CONDITION, WE URGE YOU TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS  
18 NECESSARY TO PRIORITIZE AND FUND VITALLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC  
19 SAFETY PROGRAMS. IF MORE RESOURCES ARE NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND  
20 VITAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PUBLIC SAFETY, THEN OUR MEMBERS  
21 STAND WITH YOU IN FAVOR OF SECURING ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO  
22 ENSURE ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY. WHEN THE COUNTY EXPERIENCED  
23 SEVERE BUDGET SHORTFALLS 10 YEARS AGO, WE URGED THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS TO SET PRIORITIES. FUND THE PROGRAMS THAT WERE  
25 VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND AVOID THE DAMAGE OF





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1 ACROSS-THE-BOARD BUDGET CUTS. OUR FEAR THEN AND OUR FEAR NOW  
2 IS THAT UNDERFUNDING OUR PROGRAMS WILL DAMAGE MORALE, CAUSE  
3 DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF ALL COUNTY SERVICES, INCLUDING  
4 THOSE PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT  
5 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO  
6 QUALITY, PUBLIC, SAFETY SERVICES, WE URGE YOU TO AVOID CUTS IN  
7 RANK AND FILE SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT WILL LEAD TO  
8 MEDIOCRE SERVICES AT A TIME WHEN SECURITY IS AMONG OUR  
9 NATION'S GREATEST CONCERNS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO BE HEARD TOO, SIR?

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13 **SPEAKER:** NO. I'M WITH MR. RIMAGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH THOUGH.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WANTS  
16 TO BE HEARD ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET? IF NOT, THAT ITEM IS  
17 CONCLUDED, AT LEAST AS TO THE HEARING PART OF IT. I'LL TURN IT  
18 BACK OVER TO YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE SCHEDULE, IT SHOWS -- ALL  
21 RIGHT. I'M SORRY.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I COULDN'T SEE YOU OVER THERE.  
24 THERE'S ONE LADY WHO DOES WANT TO BE HEARD I'M SURE.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

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3    **SPEAKER:** [ INAUDIBLE ].

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5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY COME ON UP.

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7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU DIDN'T PUT DOWN -- IT SAID  
8    ON HERE THAT IT WAS IN SUPPORT OF A COALITION.

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10    **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** [ INAUDIBLE ]. THANK YOU. GOOD  
11    AFTERNOON. MY NAME, RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY, I'M WITH THE  
12    ORGANIZATION CULTURAL REFLECTIONS PRODUCTION COMPANY L.T.D. I  
13    WILL SPEAK LATER BRIEFLY IN REFERENCE TO WARREN WILLIAMS'  
14    ORGANIZATION.

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16    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THIS IS THE TIME FOR THAT RIGHT NOW  
17    IF IT'S WARREN WILLIAMS, DO YOU WANT TO BRING HIM UP, TOO?  
18    WARREN AND THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SPEAKING ON THAT,  
19    ALL OF YOU COME FORWARD.

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21    **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING  
22    VERY BRIEF IN REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL THAT THEY'RE  
23    PRESENTING.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU CAN GO RIGHT INTO IT, AND WE  
2    CAN FINISH, DO ALL OF IT AT ONE TIME. ALL RIGHT. YES. ALL  
3    RIGHT. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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5    **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** AS I MENTIONED LAST -- ON THE 14TH,  
6    TUESDAY, MY SON IS INCARCERATED. HE HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY  
7    ASSAULTED BY INMATES AS WELL AS DEPUTIES. HE HAS -- HIS HIP IS  
8    BROKEN, HE HAD EMERGENCY SURGERY, AND AFTER TALKING WITH YOUR  
9    AGENCY -- PARDON ME -- YES, YOUR AGENCY AND/OR YOURSELF,  
10   YVONNE BURKE, AS THE CHAIRPERSON, MY SON WAS REMOVED FROM THE  
11   MEDICAL AREA AND PLACED IN PRISON, WHERE PERHAPS THIS WHOLE  
12   INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THE BEGINNING OF THE -- I THINK IT WAS  
13   THE 11TH OF LAST MONTH WHERE HE WAS INJURED. HE'S STILL  
14   RECUPERATING. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO HAVE HIM MOVED BACK  
15   TO MEDICAL -- OH, INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS MENTIONED TO THE  
16   MEDICAL INDIVIDUALS, THE HEAD NURSE AND DOCTORS AND HIS NURSE  
17   THAT THE FAMILY WAS ANGRY WITH THE MEDICAL. WE ARE NOT ANGRY  
18   WITH THEM. WE JUST WANTED HIM SAFE. SO BASICALLY, I'M  
19   REQUESTING TO HAVE MY SON WITH PENCILS, PENS, WHATEVER'S  
20   NECESSARY, BUT NOT SO MUCH THAT; SO HE'S IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
21   BACK IN THE MEDICAL BECAUSE HE'S STILL RECUPERATING. THANK YOU  
22   VERY MUCH.

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24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, MR. WILLIAMS?

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1     **WARREN WILLIAMS:** YES. YOU KNOW, SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF  
2     THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY AND CITY,  
3     SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE THAT'S BEEN WRONGED BY THE  
4     DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SPEAK ON BEHALF OF  
5     THE HOMELESS AND THOSE IN DESPERATE NEEDS TO HAVE FUNDS ARE  
6     REDIRECTED TO SERVICE THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION  
7     NEEDS, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED AND  
8     SUFFERING, FOR BEING TREATED AS TWO-THIRDS OF A PARENTS, AS  
9     DADS EXCLUDED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. WE'RE SPEAKING TODAY ON  
10    BEHALF OF THOSE THAT WITHIN THE SYSTEM, WITHIN GOVERNMENT  
11    POSITIONS HAVE ACTED TO HAVE FAIRNESS BROUGHT TO THE AFRICAN-  
12    AMERICAN POPULATION TO HAVE THEM PROPERLY FUNDED, WHICH ARE A  
13    FEW PEOPLE. WE SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO'VE BEEN FALSELY  
14    ACCUSED, PROSECUTED, INCARCERATED, AND STIGMATIZED. WE SPEAK  
15    ON THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED JOBS, FAIR OPPORTUNITIES, AND  
16    ILLEGAL RIGHTS. ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO'S BEEN DENIED COMMON  
17    SENSE LIBERTY TO FREELY EXERCISE THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS, THEIR  
18    CIVIL RIGHTS, THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS, AND THEIR BIRTH  
19    RIGHTS. WE SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE THAT SINCE THE EARLY  
20    AMERICAN RECONSTRUCTION HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR FAIR SHARE OF  
21    WEALTH AND REASONABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN ECONOMIC FAIRNESS  
22    AND EQUALITY. AND WITH THAT, WE ASK THAT THE PROPOSALS WE  
23    SUBMITTED WITH EACH ADDENDUM, WE DID SUBMIT AN ADDITIONAL  
24    ADDENDUM TODAY, BE FUNDED AND APPROVED BY THIS BOARD OF  
25    SUPERVISORS. RESTATE AGAIN THAT WE ASK FOR THE CHIEF



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1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO US TO PERFECT  
2 THE PROPOSAL. WE'RE ASKING THAT IT BE FULLY FUNDED AND  
3 OPERATING BY THE YEAR 2005, AND THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2003 TO  
4 2004, WE'RE ASKING FOR \$50 MILLION TO BE DIRECTED FOR THE  
5 FUNDING OF A DAD'S FESTIVAL, AND WE DO ASK THAT MAY THE 27TH  
6 THROUGH JULY 1ST, IN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF L.A. WILL BE MADE  
7 DAD'S MONTH, THAT A PROCLAMATION CAN BE MADE FOR THAT. AND  
8 THAT THERE WILL BE AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN DAD'S MONTH IN SOUTH  
9 L.A. DURING THE SAME DAYS OF MAY 27TH TO JULY 1ST AND A DAD'S  
10 FESTIVAL THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH OF JUNE AT LAMAR PARK, AND  
11 THIS BOARD WOULD SUPPORT THOSE. THE FESTIVAL WILL ALSO SERVE  
12 AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THIS PROJECT. WE ALSO REQUEST TO HAVE THE  
13 FUNDING OF MOTHER MARIE'S HEALTH AND WEALTH PROGRAM AS WELL AS  
14 A FAMILY-TO-FAMILY -- FAMILY HELPING FAMILIES PROGRAM. WE  
15 AGAIN REQUEST THE USE OF MACLAREN HALL TO HAVE A COMMUNITY  
16 FAMILY SERVICE CENTER. WE ALSO OPPOSE SOMETHING RECENTLY  
17 DECIDED BY THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE TO  
18 APPROVE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE ADELMAN'S, EXCUSE ME, THE ADMIN  
19 ADELMAN'S PARKING LOT. WE OPPOSE THAT AND OTHER  
20 MISAPPROPRIATED AND WASTE OF FUNDS GOING TO USE TO BASICALLY  
21 REMODEL SOMETHING, TO REQUEST WHAT ATTORNEYS WANT. THOSE FUNDS  
22 WOULD BE BETTER USED FOR DIRECT SERVICES. IN ADDITION TO THAT  
23 WE REQUEST THAT NO LONGER WOULD IT BE A FUNDING REQUIREMENT TO  
24 USE THAT FACILITY. PARENTS AND PEOPLE ORDERED BY COURT TO GO  
25 TO COURT. YET MANY OF THEM DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY THE



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1 PARKING, SO IT'S UNFAIR THAT THAT IS A BURDEN ON THEM AND THEN  
2 THOSE FUNDS ARE USED ADVERSELY AGAINST THEM. WE ASKED FOR  
3 FUNDING FOR NEEDED LEGAL SERVICES AND THAT NEUTRAL LEGAL  
4 ENTITIES WILL REPLACE THE PANEL ATTORNEYS AND THE PANEL 730  
5 EVALUATORS INVOLVED IN THE FAMILY SERVICES AND ADELMAN  
6 CHILDREN'S COURT. WE ASK AGAIN THAT THE ENLISTING NEEDS OF  
7 BLACKS ARE MET AND THAT THERE BE AN AUDIT OF THE L.A. COUNTY  
8 BUDGET AND THAT PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED BEFORE, SUCH AS THE  
9 HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM AND THE NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM IN  
10 ADDITION TO OTHERS THAT WE WILL LATER IDENTIFY, THE ADDRESS  
11 ARE RESOLVED.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED,  
14 BUT IF YOU HAVE IT IN WRITING, IT WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD.

15  
16 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU. MAY I MAKE A CLOSING STATEMENT  
17 PLEASE. I DO REQUEST THAT THIS PROPOSAL AND THE PROJECT WILL  
18 BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE DELIBERATIONS AND THAT WE  
19 DO RECEIVE IN WRITING IN DETAIL THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT  
20 AND IF IT IS NOT APPROVED IN DETAIL, WHY THIS COUNTY WOULD NOT  
21 PROVIDE AND REDIRECT FUNDS TO DIRECTLY SERVE THE AFRICAN-  
22 AMERICAN POPULATION OF THIS COMMUNITY SO WE CAN MEET OUR  
23 DIRECT NEEDS.





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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, NOW, THE BUDGET THAT WE'RE GOING TO  
2   VOTE ON ONLY RELATES TO DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY  
3   OF LOS ANGELES. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST FUNDS FROM ONE OF THOSE  
4   DEPARTMENTS, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THOSE DEPARTMENTS. THE BUDGET  
5   WE'RE CONSIDERING, AND SO HERE IT ONLY RELATES TO THE FUNDING  
6   OF THE COUNTY.

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8   **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS THAT THE WAY IT IS  
9   NOW PROPOSED IN THAT BUDGET THAT FUNDS BE REDIRECTED FROM THE  
10   WAY IT'S PROPOSED TO SERVE THIS PROJECT SO THAT WE ARE  
11   PERTAINING TO HOW YOUR PROPOSALS ARE FUNDED NOW AND THAT  
12   SHOULD BE DELIBERATED.

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14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, YES THE  
15   NEXT --

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17   **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND FINALLY WE DO OPPOSE THE WAY IT IS  
18   PROPOSED NOW.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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22   **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** MAY I BRIEFLY ADD ONE MORE SITUATION  
23   FOR THE SHERIFFS?

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING.  
2    MR. HAYES IS WAITING TO SPEAK AND YOU SPOKE BEFORE ON THE  
3    BUDGET.

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5    **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** I DID. I'LL MAKE IT VERY BRIEF,  
6    MA'AM. WE WANT A COMMITTEE OF COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR  
7    SHERIFF AS WELL AS POLICE TO BE REPRIMANDED, HIRE, FIRING, AND  
8    ET CETERA TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12   **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** I'LL JUST MAKE IT BRIEF THIS TIME,  
13   THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. HAYES AND THEN --

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17   **BILLION CAMPBELL:** PRETTY MUCH WHAT SHE WAS SAYING, YOU KNOW,  
18   IT'S KIND OF CRIMINAL AND IT IS REALLY SICK FOR THE SHERIFF TO  
19   COME IN HERE --

20

21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE, PLEASE STATE YOUR  
22   NAME.

23

24   **BILLION CAMPBELL:** MY NAME IS BILLION CAMPBELL. IT'S KIND OF  
25   SICK FOR THE SHERIFF TO COME IN HERE AND BE ASKING FOR MONEY



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1 WHEN OUT ON THE STREET LEVEL, THEY SPEND A LOT OF TIME BEING A  
2 GANG THEMSELVES HARASSING PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
3 PEOPLE DON'T HAVE JOBS BUT THEY GOT TO EAT AND FEED THEIR  
4 FAMILY, YEAH, THEY GOT TO STEAL TO EAT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE  
5 FACT THAT ATTENTION IS NOT MADE UNTIL THE DRUGS GET INTO THE  
6 HANDS OF THESE KIDS AND THEY'RE NOT GOING DOWN TO SAN PEDRO OR  
7 WOODLAND HILLS ARRESTING THESE DRUG LORDS WHO ARE BRINGING THE  
8 DRUGS INTO OUR COMMUNITY, IT DON'T MAKE NO SENSE FOR THE  
9 SHERIFFS TO BE GETTING MORE MONEY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT COMMUNITY  
10 COLLEGES ON THE VERGE OF GETTING CLOSED DOWN AND PROGRAMS  
11 GETTING CLOSED DOWN IT DON'T MAKE NO SENSE TO GIVE THE  
12 SHERIFFS MORE MONEY TO MAKE PEOPLE CRIMINALS, YOU KNOW, YOU  
13 GOT TO GET FOR REAL, OTHERWISE YOU'RE GOING TO FORCE PEOPLE TO  
14 LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. HAYES, AND THEN  
17 JESSIE BARBOUR, DID SHE ALREADY SPEAK? PLEASE COME FORWARD.  
18 AND I THINK MARVIN DARDEN SPOKE EARLIER, AND THAT'S -- MS.  
19 BARBOUR, YOU AND MR. HAYES ARE THE FINAL SPEAKERS, EXCEPT THAT  
20 WE HAVE -- OKAY. ALL RIGHT, LYNN PLAMBECK, YOU CAN COME  
21 FORWARD. YOU'RE NOT ON BUDGET? ARE YOU ON THE BUDGET? WE  
22 CONCLUDED THE PUBLIC COMMENT, LYNN, AND SOMEONE DID MAKE A  
23 STATEMENT, I THINK. DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT? ALL  
24 RIGHT. COULD YOU MAKE A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT? IT'S NOT ON THE  
25 BUDGET, THOUGH. RIGHT? IS IT ON A MATTER THAT'S SET NEXT WEEK?



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1 ALL RIGHT. MISS BARBOUR, YOU AND MR. HAYES GO FORWARD, AND  
2 THEN LYNN WILL MAKE HER STATEMENT.

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4 **TED HAYES:** NO YOU GO FIRST PLEASE.

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6 **JESSIE BARBOUR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS JESSE BARBOUR,  
7 MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS, I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
8 SPEAK TODAY. I'M A RETIRED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, AND I'VE  
9 ALWAYS LOOKED AT THE BOARD PROCEEDINGS ON T.V. AND THIS IS MY  
10 FIRST TIME TO BE HERE, SO I'M PRIVILEGED TO BE HERE TODAY. AS  
11 A RETIRED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, I'M ALSO REPRESENTING S.O.A.R.,  
12 SEEKING OTHER ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES, IT'S A NONPROFIT  
13 ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES, AND I GUESS THIS TIME IS THE BEST  
14 TIME TO ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR OUR \$17 MILLION BUDGET  
15 CONSIDERATION. I WORK WITH THE OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
16 IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH INCLUDE SERVICE UNLIMITED, PERFORMING  
17 ARTS GROUP, CAMERON EUGENE JACKSON LIBRARY, THE BUSINESS  
18 INCUBATION OF THE LIFE GROUP, AMERICAN THEATRICALS AND COLLINS  
19 SCHOOL OF MUSIC. I'M IN SUPPORT OF WARREN WILLIAMS AND HIS  
20 ORGANIZATION, BUT AT THIS TIME, WE ARE LOOKING FOR FUNDS TO  
21 HELP THE SITUATION THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN. MY ORGANIZATION  
22 IS LOCATED ONE MILE FROM THE FLORENCE AND NORMANDIE, WHERE THE  
23 DENNY INCIDENT HAPPENED AND I'M IN FIVE MILES' RADIUS OF THE  
24 HIGH SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS  
25 THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY A.I.D.S. AND OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS AND



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1 ALSO LOW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND POOR  
2 EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS.  
3 STATISTICS THAT WE RECENTLY RECEIVED STATES THAT 14 TO 18-  
4 YEAR-OLD YOUTH IN THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY ARE THE NEWEST  
5 EPIDEMIC FOR A.I.D.S., AND SO WE ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH THESE  
6 SITUATIONS. WE HAVE A PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, WE HAVE OTHER  
7 AGENCIES THAT WORK WITH US TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE  
8 WANT TO GET INTO THE SCHOOLS, WE WANT TO USE SOME EMPTY  
9 BUILDINGS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO BE  
10 ABLE TO WORK WITH THE -- WE ARE WORKING WITH FAITH-BASED  
11 ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT SUPPORT GROUPS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INTO  
12 THE COMMUNITY, WE ARE WANTING TO CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY  
13 USING THE CHILDREN, GIVING THEM -- THE YOUTH, GIVING THEM JOBS  
14 TO HELP TO CLEAN THE COMMUNITY, IF THEY HAVE THE JOBS TO CLEAN  
15 THE COMMUNITY AND TO PREVENT VANDALISM, THEN THERE'S A SMALLER  
16 RISK OF THEM BEING THE ONES THAT PERPETUATE THE VIOLENCE. SO  
17 THEREFORE WE ARE ASKING YOU FOR A CONSIDERATION OF -- YOU  
18 SUPPORT A PROPOSAL IN WRITING TO THIS --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO GO TO AN  
21 APPROPRIATE AGENCY THAT FUNDS THOSE. THE COUNTY -- WE'RE ONLY  
22 CONSIDERING THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, AND THE THINGS WE'RE TAKING  
23 OUT ARE OF DEPARTMENTS' BUDGETS AND THINGS THAT THEY APPROVE  
24 AND WE'RE NOT ADDING ANYTHING. WE'RE ONLY TAKING OUT BECAUSE



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1 UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. MR. HAYES AND THEN  
2 LYNN PLAMBECK.

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4 **TED HAYES:** MADAM PRESIDENT, YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, ZEV  
5 YAROSLAVSKY, MR. KNABE, MIKE ANTONOVICH, THE HONORABLE GLORIA  
6 MOLINA. I'M TED HAYES, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION FOR  
7 BLACKS' BEST INTEREST IN LOS ANGELES, MR. WARREN WILLIAMS'  
8 COALITION ORGANIZATION. I'M GETTING A LITTLE MORE CLEAR  
9 UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT THE CUTS ACTUALLY TO  
10 COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NOT NECESSARILY THE  
11 PROGRAMS, THE AGENCIES THAT ARE OUT THERE, THE N.G.O.S. I  
12 DON'T ENVY YOUR POSITION AS THE SUPERVISORS. YOU HAVE A VERY  
13 DIFFICULT JOB IN MAKING THESE CUTS AND OBVIOUSLY IT'S GOING TO  
14 AFFECT THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY  
15 AS PEOPLE HAVE SAID EARLIER, THE BLACK AND THE BROWN  
16 COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THERE'S A LOT OF CUTS IN THIS  
17 COUNTRY, PERIOD. THE RICH ARE GETTING RICHER, THE POOR ARE  
18 GETTING POORER AND THE WORKING MIDDLE CLASS HAVE BEEN  
19 TRANSFORMED TO THE TAX SLAVES. AS A HOMELESS PERSON, I KNOW,  
20 AND WORKED WITH THE HOMELESS AND LIVING WITH THEN THE  
21 SITUATION DOWN HERE AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR SOCIETY IS GETTING  
22 WORSE AND WORSE AND WORSE. I JUST ASK THAT YOU -- WHEN YOU GO  
23 TO MAKE YOUR CUTS OR SHIFTS SURROUNDING YOUR BUDGET, THAT YOU  
24 REALLY EXAMINE YOUR HEARTS AND CONSCIOUSNESS AND YOUR MORALS  
25 AND YOUR PRIORITIES.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL DO THAT NOW.

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4 **TED HAYES:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S ALL RIGHT. [ LAUGHTER ]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HEARD YOU, BEND OUR HEARTS AND MINDS,  
7 WE'RE DOING THAT.

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9 **TED HAYES:** OKAY, AND A LOT OF THIS, FOLKS, HAS TO DO WITH  
10 HONESTY. THERE'S A LOT OF WASTE, A LOT OF STEALING GOING ON. I  
11 KNOW THAT WE CANNOT HAVE A BIG BROTHER SYSTEM WHERE SOMEONE IS  
12 ALWAYS WATCHING OVER OUR SHOULDER AS TO WHETHER WE'RE BEING  
13 HONEST OR NOT, BUT I FEEL THAT IF WE WOULD BE A BIT MORE  
14 HONEST WHEN WE COME TO MAKING THESE CHANGES, I BELIEVE THAT  
15 YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP THE DEPARTMENTS TO BE MORE  
16 EFFECTIVE IN GETTING RESOURCES INTO THE COMMUNITY AS THE  
17 PEOPLE ARE ASKING. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU'RE IN A STORE AND YOU  
18 SEE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT, YOU WANT IT REAL BAD, AND IF YOU  
19 DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, AND IF NOBODY'S LOOKING, YOU TAKE IT,  
20 BUT IF SOMEONE IS LOOKING, YOU DON'T TAKE IT. WELL IT'S SORT  
21 OF THAT WAY I THINK IN THE GOVERNMENT, THAT YOU KNOW WHERE  
22 THINGS REALLY ARE, YOU KNOW THE POLITICS BEHIND EVERYTHING  
23 THAT'S HAPPENING, AND I'M JUST ASKING YOU, AGAIN I SAID, I  
24 DON'T ENVY YOUR POSITION. I'M JUST ASKING THAT YOU REALLY  
25 SOMEHOW LOOK FOR THAT ELEMENT THAT WOULD REALLY HELP TO



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1 PRESERVE THE CRIES AND THE CARES OF THE PEOPLE. THIS COUNTRY,  
2 AND IT'S MY LAST STATEMENT, THIS COUNTRY IS NOT AN ISLAMIC  
3 NATION, IT'S A JUDEO-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY, AND WHEN YOU READ THE  
4 JUDEO-CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES, THE TORAH, YOU'LL FIND IT'S  
5 CONSISTENTLY MENTIONED IN THERE, MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT  
6 OFFICIALS, THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE POOR,  
7 THE LEAST IN YOUR SOCIETY. IT CALLS UPON YOU AS THE GOVERNMENT  
8 LEADERS TO DO SO, BECAUSE WE AS A PEOPLE OUT HERE WE'RE NOT  
9 THAT STRONG. AS YOU CAN SEE, PEOPLE COMING TODAY, CRYING OUT  
10 FOR THE ISSUES AROUND BLACK FOLKS. WHERE ARE THE MAJOR BLACK  
11 LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY? I SEE ONE HERE DOING THE BEST THAT  
12 SHE CAN WITH WHAT SHE'S GOT, BUT WHERE ARE THE REST OF THEM?  
13 YOU SEE, YOU ARE OUR CHAMPIONS, AND IT'S UP TO YOU, SO WE'RE  
14 JUST MAKING THAT APPEAL. AS THE YOUNG MAN SAID ABOUT WHAT'S  
15 GOING ON WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL  
16 THE GANG BANG AND STUFF LIKE THAT, BUT HE'S RIGHT THOUGH, WHEN  
17 THESE YOUNG BROTHERS THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO, THEY'RE GOING TO  
18 ACT UP. YOU WOULD DO THE SAME, SO JUST, FOR GOD'S SAKE, AND  
19 FOR OUR COUNTRY'S SAKE, BEAR THAT IN MIND OR WE'RE GOING TO  
20 SUFFER FOR IT.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 **TED HAYES:** THANK YOU, MADAM.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LYNN, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BE  
2    VERY BRIEF.

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4    **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I WILL BE VERY BRIEF. I JUST CAME DOWN FOR TWO  
5    REASONS. FIRST TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE  
6    TO US FROM THE DEVELOPER TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY'RE NOT ALL  
7    THERE. WE'VE ONLY HAD A MONTH TO LOOK AT THEM BECAUSE THEY  
8    WEREN'T AVAILABLE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF MAY, AND WE HAVEN'T  
9    BEEN ABLE -- SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN OUT AT VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS  
10   AND WE REALLY THINK WE NEED AN EXTENSION OF TIME ON THAT.  
11   THAT'S ONE. ALSO, SOME OF THEM AREN'T THERE, THEY HAVE NOT  
12   BEEN PROVIDED AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A LIST OF THOSE. ALSO, I JUST  
13   WANTED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS SINGLE HEADLINE FROM  
14   YESTERDAY, DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CLEAN-UP PLAN IS NOT  
15   FEASIBLE, IT'S BECAUSE A REPORT WAS RELEASED ON MAY 7TH, AS A  
16   WATER DISTRICT MEMBER I DID NOT RECEIVE THIS UNTIL MY BOARD  
17   MEETING LAST WEEK. I DON'T KNOW WHY. BUT I THINK THIS BOARD  
18   SHOULD REQUEST THIS REPORT. IT'S A REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND  
19   TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NUMBER ONE OF THE EASTERN SANTA CLARITA  
20   RIVER SUB-BASIN STUDY. IT'S ABOUT THE GROUNDWATER POLLUTION  
21   AND THE AMMONIUM PROCHLORIDE POLLUTION. THE MONITORING WELLS  
22   ARE SHOWING POLLUTION AS HIGH AS 58,000 -- 58,000 PARTS PER  
23   BILLION, NOT FOUR. THIS MEANS THAT THAT WATER IS NOT GOING TO  
24   BE USEABLE. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE USEABLE, AND WE'RE NOT GOING  
25   TO BE ABLE TO CLEAN IT UP AND AS QUICKLY AS THOSE FOLKS HAVE



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1 BEEN TELLING YOU. AND I KEEP SAYING THIS TO YOU, AND I'M JUST  
2 -- I'M SO WORRIED THAT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN OUR COMMUNITY  
3 IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO APPROVE ALL THIS  
4 DEVELOPMENT AND WE ARE GOING TO BE FORCED TO USE POLLUTED  
5 WATER BECAUSE THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY OTHER WATER SOURCE.  
6 SO I'M PLEADING WITH YOU TO LOOK AT THIS INFORMATION BEFORE  
7 THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED AND BEFORE THIS PROJECT IS BROUGHT TO  
8 HEARING.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS THAT INFORMATION? WHERE DOES THAT  
11 COME FROM?

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13 **LYNN PLAMBECK:** IT CAME FROM THE ARMY CORPS AND CASTAIC LAKE  
14 WATER AGENCY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID YOU GET IT?

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18 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I GOT IT AT MY BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY AND  
19 I'M GOING TO, BEFORE I LEAVE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, GOING TO  
20 MAKE COPIES AND I CAN'T COPY THE WHOLE REPORT, BUT I'LL COPY  
21 THE COVER PAGE AND THE STATEMENT WHERE IT SAYS THE MONITORING  
22 WELLS -- AND THESE AREN'T THE SUPPLY WELLS YET, BUT THIS IS  
23 THE SOURCE OF THE POLLUTION, SO IF YOU PUMP FROM THE SUPPLY  
24 WELLS, YOU'RE GOING TO BE MOVING POLLUTION INTO THEM. THIS  
25 IDEA THAT THEY'RER THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU MAKE A COPY  
3 OF WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A COPY AND GET IT TO MY  
4 OFFICE?

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6 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** YES, I'LL DO THAT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD, OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR CONTROLLER  
13 AND C.A.O. ARE GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP FOR NEXT WEEK'S  
16 EXECUTIVE SESSION, COULD WE HAVE THE -- THERE WAS A COURT  
17 ORDER ON THE WAYSIDE STATION, AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S COUNTY  
18 COUNSEL THAT HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION, COULD WE DISCUSS THAT  
19 AND IF WE CAN DISCUSS IT PUBLICLY THEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
20 NEXT TUESDAY.

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22 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THERE IS A LAWSUIT, WE'LL SCHEDULE IT.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO'S GOING TO START? ARE YOU GOING TO  
2   START, MR. JANSSEN OR?

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4   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, I BELIEVE THIS WAS A  
5   MOTION -- I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME -- FROM SUPERVISOR  
6   MOLINA. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS IN  
7   RESPONSE TO THAT MOTION. ONE, ON MAY THE 13TH, TALKING ABOUT  
8   THE RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND WHERE WE ARE IN THE  
9   DEVELOPMENT OF THAT SYSTEM, AND THE STATUS, COST, ET CETERA.  
10   SECONDLY, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS SUBMITTED JUST TODAY DISCUSSION  
11   OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF LITIGATION, JUDGMENTS, ET CETERA, FOR  
12   LAST YEAR, CURRENT YEAR, AND ANTICIPATED FOR NEXT YEAR, AND  
13   INDICATED IN THERE THAT REALLY, UNTIL THE RIM SYSTEM IS IN  
14   OPERATION, WHICH WE THINK NOW WILL BE IN JULY AND AUGUST  
15   WORKING WITH THE AUDITOR, THEN WE'LL HAVE GOOD TRACKING ACTUAL  
16   DATA ON HOW MUCH WE'RE SPENDING REALTIME ON LITIGATION COSTS  
17   IN THE COUNTY RIGHT, AND THEN THE AUDITOR ALSO HAS BEEN  
18   INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS. THE OTHER IS THAT \$3.5  
19   MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE THIS YEAR IN PROVISIONAL FINANCING  
20   WITH THE HOPE, EXPECTATION THAT WE CAN SAVE THAT MUCH MONEY IN  
21   LITIGATION COSTS. THIS YEAR OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE KEEP  
22   THAT MONEY IN THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AND MR.  
23   PELLMAN CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE WE ARE ON THAT.

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1   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YEAH AS MY REPORT, MADAM CHAIR, INDICATED, AS  
2   PART OF THE BUDGETARY PROCESS, THE JUDGMENTS AND DAMAGES  
3   BUDGET HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE C.A.O. AS A PROPOSAL IN  
4   FEBRUARY, AND AS THE MONTHS WEAR ON, AND AS WE BECOME AWARE OF  
5   ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS AND AS WE BECOME AWARE OF CHANGES IN THE  
6   STATUS OF LAWSUITS, IT BECOMES NECESSARY AS WE APPROACH THE  
7   TIME FOR THE BUDGET TO BE ACTUALLY ADOPTED TO MAKE SOME  
8   NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH RESPECT TO  
9   THE PREVIOUS ALMOST \$3-1/2 MILLION, AND BECAUSE OF THE  
10   CATCHING UP OF THE INFORMATION AS WE GO THROUGH AND WE FARE  
11   BETTER IN SOME LAWSUITS THAN WE ANTICIPATED, AND WE DON'T DO  
12   AS WELL IN SOME LAWSUITS AS WE ANTICIPATED. THIS NUMBER NEEDS  
13   TO BE CONSTANTLY READJUSTED. AS I INDICATED IN THE MEMO THIS  
14   MORNING, THE 3.48 REALLY IS A REFLECTION OF ANTICIPATED  
15   EXPENDITURES, SOME OF WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO AVOID THROUGH  
16   WINNING SOME PRETRIAL MOTIONS, ONE CASE WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO  
17   NEGOTIATE FOR OUR ATTORNEY'S FEES TO BE REPAID, AND IN OTHER  
18   CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MAJORITY OF CASES THAT HAD ADJUSTED THIS  
19   WERE CASES -- 23 DIFFERENT ITEMS WHERE WE EITHER SPENT MORE OR  
20   HADN'T SPENT MORE, BUT WE HAVE ONE MAJOR PIECE OF LITIGATION  
21   THAT'S STILL ONGOING THAT'S IN TRIAL CURRENTLY, AND FOR THAT  
22   REASON, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THAT MONEY NOT BE MADE  
23   UNAVAILABLE YET FOR THAT PARTICULAR PURPOSE. I HAVE DISCUSSED  
24   WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S STAFF WITH RESPECT TO THE GOAL FOR 5%  
25   REDUCTION LITIGATION COST. GARY MILLER HAS BEEN UNDERTAKING ON



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1 A REGULAR BASIS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPECT TO A  
2 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PANELS OF LAW FIRMS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR  
3 CASES AS THEY PROGRESS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT JUST AS THERE WAS  
4 THIS REQUEST FOR THIS PROVISIONAL FINANCING UNIT OF 3.5 THIS  
5 LAST YEAR, THAT WE TAKE 5%, APPROXIMATELY, FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE  
6 FUNDS THAT WERE TO BE BUDGETED FOR NEXT YEAR, AND PUT THAT  
7 INTO A SIMILAR DESIGNATION SO THAT WE GO THROUGH THIS EXERCISE  
8 NEXT YEAR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MR. ARMFIELD, THE RISK  
9 MANAGER, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LITIGATION COST MANAGER.  
10 WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN PUT THAT MONEY ASIDE, SORT OF OUT OF REACH  
11 AND GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SEEING HOW MUCH WE CAN SAVE.  
12 PERHAPS THAT MUCH AND MORE IN THE NEXT YEAR.

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14 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I THINK YOU'VE ALL MET THIS MORNING THE  
15 INDIVIDUAL I'VE RECOMMENDED FOR THE POSITION OF LITIGATION  
16 COST MANAGER, AND HE'S INDICATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO START  
17 NEXT WEEK.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, ARE YOU CHAIRING THIS? IF I COULD  
20 ASK A COUPLE FOLLOW-UP. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU, BILL,  
21 FOR AGREEING TO DO THAT. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I THINK  
22 THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO DEAL WITH IT. I DID HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
23 AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'VE MOVED FORWARD ON THE COST LITIGATION  
24 MANAGER AND I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH HIM THIS MORNING AS WELL  
25 AS WITH GARY. THERE'S A LOT OF PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN



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1 THIS WHOLE AREA, YET, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I THINK IT SHOULD BE  
2 FASTER, QUICKER, AND MORE IMMEDIATE. I DID TALK TO THEM ABOUT  
3 THE FACT THAT I THINK EVERY, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE PUT IN THIS  
4 REQUEST ABOUT FINDING OUT WHAT THE COSTS WERE, I MEAN, ON THE  
5 DATE THAT IT'S DUE, SORT OF INAPPROPRIATE TO SAY, "WELL, GEE,  
6 THE COMPUTER'S NOT READY YET." WELL I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR  
7 IT, I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S AN ANSWER. I THINK ANY LAWYER AT  
8 ANY TIME SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE COSTS ARE, AND WHETHER YOU USE  
9 POST-ITS OR, YOU KNOW, A LEGAL PAD, YOU CAN WALK AROUND AND  
10 GET AN ESTIMATE FOR THE MOST PART OF WHAT THE COSTS ARE, SO  
11 IT'S NOT A HARD THING TO DO. BUT SINCE YOU DIDN'T DO THAT AND  
12 YOU DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER AND WE HAVE THE EXCUSE THAT THE  
13 COMPUTER SYSTEM IS NOT UP, COULD I GET A MORE DEFINITE RECORD  
14 -- WELL, NOT RIGHT THIS MOMENT, I THINK WE NEED A REALISTIC  
15 TIME LINE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS COMPUTER SYSTEM. I  
16 THINK WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU SAY -- WHEN WE SAY  
17 IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE LIKE IN MOST COMPUTER SYSTEMS, THERE  
18 ARE ALWAYS GLITCHES, THERE'S ALWAYS PROBLEMS, THERE'S ALWAYS  
19 SLOWDOWNS, AND THEN THERE'S THE LEARNING CURVE AND THEN THERE  
20 IS THE SUPERVISION AND THE MONITORING OF EMPLOYEES INPUTTING  
21 WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN THERE. I MEAN IT'S NOT GOING TO  
22 PRODUCE ANYTHING IF THE LAWYERS DON'T LEARN HOW TO DO IT, SO  
23 THERE'S A CULTURE THAT HAS TO START WORKING THERE, AND WHILE I  
24 DON'T NEED IT RIGHT THIS MOMENT, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF  
25 SOMEWHERE IN YOUR OPERATION THEY COULD GET ME A TIME FRAME. I



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1 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE I.T. GUY OR WHOEVER DOES THIS THAT CAN  
2 GIVE US A TIME FRAME OF WHEN THAT COMPUTER SYSTEM'S GOING TO  
3 BE IN PLACE AND WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE TRAINED TO USE  
4 IT AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT, AND WHEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE  
5 TO START REVIEWING OR LOOKING AT SOME OF THE AVAILABLE DATA.  
6 AND I THINK THE COST LITIGATION MANAGER, FROM THE SMALL  
7 DISCUSSION THAT I HAD WITH HIM, I THINK UNDERSTANDS HOW THAT  
8 DATA WILL BE USED, AND I THINK IT'LL BE HELPFUL TO EVERYONE  
9 AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO DO ASSESSMENTS EARLIER ON  
10 AND EVALUATIONS AND LOOK AT COSTS AS COMPARED TO WHAT WE'RE  
11 TRYING TO PURSUE IN SOME OF THESE LAWSUITS OR EVEN WHAT WE'RE  
12 TRYING TO DEFEND IN SOME OF THESE LAWSUITS. SO I WOULD  
13 APPRECIATE THAT AND, LIKE I SAID, AND I'M GOING TO THANK YOU  
14 FOR AGREEING TO DO THE 5% AND KIND OF PUT IT IN THAT SPECIAL  
15 FUND AND SEE IF IN FACT YOU CAN ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. I THINK  
16 IT'LL BE HELPFUL. AND JUST FINALLY, I GUESS, IT'S THE -- I  
17 THINK ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, I HOPE, HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED  
18 AND IMPLEMENTED WITH REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE  
19 AUDITOR MADE LAST YEAR.

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21 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON  
22 THAT, SUPERVISOR, BEGINNING JULY 1ST, WE WILL START POSTING TO  
23 THAT NEW ACCOUNTING STRUCTURE TO GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE  
2    ENOUGH AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE PART OF THAT WHOLE REVIEW.

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4    **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** OH YES. WE'RE WORKING VERY CAREFULLY WITH  
5    BOTH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND C.A.O. ON THAT.

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7    **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, AGAIN, LIKE I SAID, I JUST THINK  
8    THAT, YOU KNOW, ON THE DAY THAT IT'S DUE, IT'S NOT A GOOD TIME  
9    TO SAY, "MY DOG ATE THE HOMEWORK," BECAUSE BASICALLY THAT'S  
10   THE ANSWER I GOT.

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12   **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL I -- I HAD PROVIDED A DRAFT TO YOUR  
13   STAFF OF THE FIGURES LAST WEEK WHILE WE WERE STILL PUTTING THE  
14   NARRATIVE TOGETHER AND I GOT THE BREAKDOWN AS TO THE 3.45.

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT I UNDERSTAND, AND WE HAVE IT HERE, BUT  
17   AGAIN, I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET MORE EXACT THAN THAT. BUT  
18   IF WE CAN GET SOME OUTLINE OF WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE'RE GOING  
19   TO GET THIS COMPUTER SYSTEM, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE END-ALL,  
20   LET'S SEE, BUT I THINK THAT THE BIGGER ISSUE IS GOING TO BE  
21   THE CULTURE THAT MANY OF THESE LAWYERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO  
22   WORK WITH. IT'S NOT AN OPEN-ENDED BUDGET, IT'S AND EVERY CASE  
23   SHOULD BE ANALYZED AS TO WHAT EXTENT. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THERE  
24   MAY BE TIMES WHEN WE WANT TO MAKE A POINT AND WE WOULD SPEND  
25   MORE OR PUT UP WITH DEFENSE OR -- I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT, BUT I



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1 THINK WE ALL NEED TO HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF WHAT THE  
2 LITIGATION COSTS ARE GOING ON OVERALL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER I  
5 MOVE THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE IN FILE AND TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT  
6 VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND COMMENTS MADE DURING  
7 THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING COMMENCING MAY 14TH 2003. AND MAKE A  
8 FINDING THERE, KNOWS THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING IS GIVEN IN  
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29801 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.  
10 INCENDIARIES COMMENCE ON THE 14TH DAY OF MAY 2003 PURSUANT TO  
11 SAID NOTICE AND AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 29081 OF THE GOVERNMENT  
12 CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC BUDGET  
13 HEARINGS FOR PURPOSE OF ORAL TESTIMONY, FINDING THAT THERE ARE  
14 NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
15 HEARD, BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT, PERMIT ADDITIONAL  
16 WRITTEN TESTIMONY, AND REQUEST TO BE FILED THROUGH THE CLOSE  
17 OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, MAY 23RD, 2003. I FURTHER MOVE TO  
18 RECONFIRM THAT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE  
19 23RD, 2003, AT 9:30 A.M. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
23 TODAY'S DATE FOR MAY 20TH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
24 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS





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1 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
2 EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
3 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE. ITEM  
4 CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE  
5 EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH THE LABOR  
6 NEGOTIATORS DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED  
7 ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE NEXT MEETING  
8 OF THE BOARD IS TUESDAY, MAY 27TH, AT 1:00 P.M. THANK YOU.

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1 [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,

2 TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003.]

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4 There was no reportable action as a result of today's closed

5 session.

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